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**WISCONSIN'S DISTRICT IV COURT OF APPEALS
PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

Counties included in [District IV Court of Appeals](#)

Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, Waupaca, Waushara, Wood

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Voters will vote for one candidate and the top two (2) vote-getters will move on to the general election on Tues., April 6, 2010.

Candidates on February 16, 2010 ballot (in order in which they will appear on the ballot):

Brian Blanchard

Residence: Madison

Family status: married with children

Current position: Dane County District Attorney since 2000; ran as a Democrat

Web site: <http://www.brianblanchard.net/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?v=wall&ref=search&gid=230904973261>

Sample endorsements: *The Cap Times*, former Governor Tony Earl (D), Senator Fred Risser (D), State Representative Terese Berceau (D), various Madison school board members (both present and former), various Dane County supervisors, several past presidents of the State Bar

Campaign statement (from web site): *“The public expects – and deserves – judges who bring independence, integrity and broad legal experience to the bench. Throughout my career as a law clerk to a federal appeals court judge, a federal prosecutor, a civil trial attorney, and for nearly ten years as Dane County District Attorney I have focused on applying the law without fear or favor. I pledge to you to bring the same commitment to fairness and justice to the Appeals Court bench.*

To help restore citizen’s confidence in an impartial judiciary, I am refusing special interest money and voluntarily limiting individual campaign contributions. You need to know that judges are independent decision makers and justice is not for sale.”

Edward Leineweber

Residence: Lone Rock

Family status: married with children

Current position: Circuit court (trial court) judge for Richland County (only judge for this court); 13 years

Web site: <http://www.judgeleineweber2010.com>

Facebook: no group/page found

Sample endorsements: Former state Assembly Representative Sheryl Albers (R), state Senator Dale Schultz (R), mayor of Richland Center, former State Supreme Court Justice Jon Wilcox

Leineweber (cont'd)

Campaign statement (from press release found on web site): *“In making his announcement, Judge Leineweber stressed, in addition to his experience, his willingness to work hard over time to achieve results, as demonstrated by his years of efforts to improve the court system locally and state-wide.*

Finally, Leineweber pointed to his down-to-earth, sensible approach to judging, which upholds the rule of law, but appreciates the real-life situations presented by the people who come into the legal system. ‘We are here to serve the people,’ Judge Leineweber said, ‘by applying the law firmly, fairly and impartially to resolve disputes and to uphold legal rights.’”

Ramona Gonzalez

Residence: LaCrosse

Family status: married with children

Current position: Presiding judge for LaCrosse County Circuit court (trial court) (15 years)

Web site: <http://ramonagonzalez.com/> (site says it is “coming soon”)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gonzalez-For-Judge/195145955917>

Sample endorsements: None available

Campaign statement (from press release found on Facebook page): *“Judge Gonzalez is dedicated to educating the community about the important work of the judicial branch of government and the need for judges to be independent, impartial and respected by the public. ‘I want my candidacy to be about educating the public about the work of the Court of Appeals and my qualifications to do that work.’ said Judge Gonzalez. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her work as a trial judge and someone who educates the community about the important role of the judiciary.”*