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### State Bar of Wisconsin announces candidates for president-elect, secretary and Judicial Council

**Madison, WI** – Attorneys **Ryan Billings** and **Jennifer L. Johnson** have accepted nominations to run for 2018 State Bar of Wisconsin president-elect. Both lawyers are active in Milwaukee. Billings is with Kohner, Mann & Kailas, S.C., and Johnson is with Legal Action of Wisconsin. The president-elect serves a one-year term before becoming president on July 1, 2025.

The nominees for secretary are **Martina Gast**, an attorney with Pipestone Law LLC, Lake Mills; and **William Wallo** of Bakke Norman S.C., Eau Claire.

The candidates for Judicial Council representative are **Margo Kirchner** of Wisconsin Justice Initiative Inc., Milwaukee, and **Matthew Rowe** of Ruder Ware LLSC, Wausau. The Judicial Council is a 21-member body whose principal statutory responsibilities are to study and make recommendations relating to court practice, procedure, and the administration and operation of Wisconsin courts.

“I am pleased to announce this slate of candidates who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to the State Bar and who bring experience from a variety of practice areas and life experiences,” said Jane Bucher, State Bar president-elect and chair of the nominating committee. “The committee worked collaboratively to select well-rounded candidates.”

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