



# VOTE

## DAVID E. LASKER

### FOR STATE BAR PRESIDENT-ELECT

#### MY PLATFORM

- Maintain the excellence of existing State Bar programs and activities, and explore new directions to best serve the public and the Bar
- Focus on wellness of lawyers and bringing legal services to rural communities
- Make dementia awareness training available to lawyers in continuing education courses and Bar programs
- Enhance the relationship between the Bar and the public, demystifying and humanizing who we are
- Provide leadership and vision to move us from where we are today to where we want to be tomorrow

- Graduated UW–Madison 1967, UW Law School 1973
- Trial and appellate litigation as a civil rights attorney for over 33 years
- Lead counsel in 41 reported cases in federal and state courts
- Argued in the U.S. Supreme Court
- Currently working in the public interest for over 15 years as Corporation Counsel for Juneau County
- Past chairperson of what is now the Civil Rights & Liberties Section of the State Bar
- Long-time service in the Wisconsin Lawyer Assistance Program (WisLAP), recognized as “Volunteer of the Year” in 2013

Over the years . . .

- Chief of staff to Gov. Patrick J. Lucey, as vice presidential

candidate on the Anderson/Lucey National Unity Party ticket in 1980

- Intern in the Washington office of Sen. William Proxmire (1966)
- Newscaster for the Wisconsin State Radio Network, precursor to today’s Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) (1963–1967)
- Sixth grade teacher Santee Sioux reservation in Nebraska; Kromrey Middle School in Middleton, Wisconsin (1968–1971)
- Counselor and administrator of Camp Ramapo, summer camp for emotionally disturbed children from New York City (1963–1966)
- Author of *See What the Future Brings: A memoir of my life as a civil rights lawyer, political activist, and ordinary person* (David E. Lasker, Lake Delton, WI: 2022)

## DAVID E. LASKER . . . A COMPASSIONATE LEADER

## MY VISION AS STATE BAR PRESIDENT

### **Maintain the excellence of existing State Bar programs and activities, and explore new directions to best serve the public and the Bar.**

The State Bar of Wisconsin is a model among bar associations across the country. That's a tribute to its excellence in serving lawyers and the public. Let's keep it up!

I want every lawyer in Wisconsin to know that the State Bar is here to help them with any problem. We support the individual attorney, and as a result, improve the quality of service to clients and the public. The State Bar offers invaluable help with legal assistance on specific issues, mentoring, and crisis assistance for both mental and physical health issues.



### **Focus on wellness of lawyers and bringing legal services to rural communities.**

The on-going support of the Bar for the mental health and well-being of lawyers is monumental, and the Wisconsin Lawyers Assistance Program (WisLAP) supports those suffering from alcohol, drug, or any other addiction, or mental health problem.

A growing concern is the shortage of lawyers practicing in rural communities and the need to attract and keep young lawyers practicing in Wisconsin. These are tough problems, and we must continue to seek solutions.

### **Make dementia awareness training available to lawyers in continuing education courses and Bar programs.**

Dementia is a significant mental health problem for those suffering from it and the loved ones who care for them. There is growing recognition we are doing too little as a society to provide for the needs of dementia patients. Lawyers suffer from it enough to warrant our knowing more about it, but so do our loved ones, clients, and the general public. I think we must learn more about the disease in its various forms and how best to interact with and care for those suffering from it. I want the Bar to offer dementia awareness training through CLE courses and other programs.

### **Enhance the relationship between the Bar and the public, demystifying and humanizing who we are.**

I hope to enhance the relationship between the Bar and the public, who really don't know much about attorneys other than lawyer jokes. They lack clarity about how we're trained, what good and honest advocacy can do for them, what we do in the everyday practice of law, or why we charge the fees we do. We talk among ourselves about such things, but I am committed to better outreach with the public. Lawyers are extraordinary human beings — intelligent, well-educated, and caring people who wish to be of service to others. We practice law because we want to make a difference. It's important that the public understands these things about us.

**I respectfully ask for your vote.  
Thank you.**