

**From Executive Summary
of the Bench Bar Committee's 1997 Bench-Bar Survey**

In view of case law regarding estoppel, Wisconsin should mandate mandatory counterclaims in Chapter 802, Stats.

10. Of those expressing an opinion, two-thirds (68%) agreed to some degree that Wisconsin should mandate mandatory counterclaims. Only 18% disagreed or strongly disagreed. Over 57% of respondents expressed no opinion or gave no response to this statement

- a. Judges were more likely than lawyers to agree with the Statement (5.1 vs. 4.5).

Judges are not paid enough

11. Nearly six in 10(56%) of all respondents disagreed that judges are not paid enough. However, 27% strongly agreed.

- a. Judges and lawyers were far apart in their opinions, as indicated by judges mostly agreeing that they are not paid enough while lawyers disagreed (6.0 vs. 3.6).
- b. Respondents who graduated in 1985 or later, were more likely to disagree with the statement.

The current "cost" statute (814.04, Stats.) adequately provides for recovery of actual costs, such as photocopies and other expenses.

12. Most respondents (71%) did not agree that the current "cost" statute adequately provides for recovery of actual costs. Only 5% of the respondents strongly agreed with the statement.

- a. Lawyers and judges were in agreement on this issue.

Court commissioners should be given more power and authority.

13. Respondents were divided over the issue of giving court commissioners more power and authority. One-half (50%) disagreed to some extent with the statement.

- a. The lawyers and judges tended to agree and disagree to the same extent on this statement, as indicated by their identical 3.9 mean scores.