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## Federal Judge William Griesbach named State Bar Lifetime Jurist

**MADISON, Wis. (May 4, 2026)** – A longtime federal judge in Wisconsin’s Eastern District has been named the 2026 recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin’s Lifetime Jurist Award, recognizing more than 30 years of judicial service.

Judge William C. Griesbach, who has served on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin since 2002, is being honored for a career marked by fairness, integrity, and a deep commitment to the rule of law.

Presented by the State Bar’s Bench and Bar Committee, the Lifetime Jurist Award recognizes judges who exemplify high ethical standards, judicial competence, and long-term service to the legal system.

Griesbach began his judicial career on the Brown County Circuit Court from 1995 to 2002 before his appointment to the federal bench. He took senior status in 2019 and continues to carry a significant caseload.

Colleagues say his approach to the bench has been defined by clarity, fairness, and respect for all parties.

“Even though he has a large caseload, his decisions are timely and always spot on. He is also more than fair in ensuring that if there are disputed facts in a case, the parties get their right to a bench or jury trial. And during those trials, he is fair, patient and in control of his courtroom.”

Griesbach’s work has helped shape the administration of justice in Wisconsin at both the state and federal levels.

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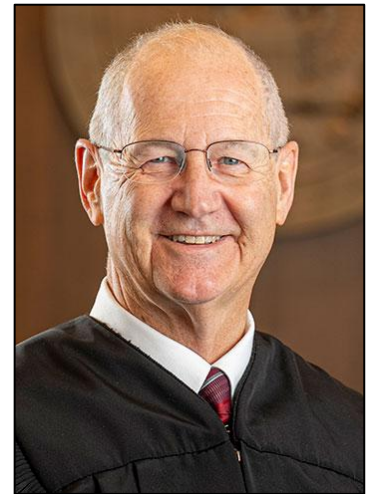
### ABOUT THE BENCH AND BAR COMMITTEE

The Bench and Bar Committee of the State Bar of Wisconsin fosters collaboration between lawyers and judges on issues and trends affecting the administration of justice. By promoting communication and collegial interaction, the committee strengthens cooperation and understanding between the bench and the bar.

### ABOUT THE STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN

The State Bar of Wisconsin is the integrated professional association, created by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, for attorneys who hold a Wisconsin law license. With more than 25,000 members, the State Bar aids the courts in improving the administration of justice, provides continuing legal education for its members to help them maintain their expertise, and assists Wisconsin lawyers in carrying out community service initiatives to educate the public.

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