

***April 9-24**

VOTE* *for*
Lisa Lawless
For State Bar President-Elect



I am a passionate, energetic, and dedicated leader with a consistent track record of advocating for Bar members' interests while supporting the State Bar to effectively serve members and fulfill its duties set by Supreme Court Rules. It is important to maintain the Bar's top-notch programs and member service while being a prudent fiscal steward of the Bar's finances. Also, as a mandatory bar, the Bar must act within the constraints of the First Amendment and *Keller*, always being mindful of the diverse interests and viewpoints of our members.

My Priorities for the State Bar

- ▶ **Support the Rural Practice Development and Rural Clerkship programs and create and implement additional initiatives to remedy the lawyer shortage in our rural regions**

For example, the Bar should explore ways to connect lawyers with geographic areas in need of lawyers, connecting law students and lawyers with solo practitioners, small firms, and other practice opportunities throughout the state.

- ▶ **Persuade the Legislature to allocate funding for civil legal services for low-income persons**

Wisconsin is one of the lowest-ranked U.S. states in funding for civil legal services for persons of modest means. This cannot stand. The Bar should work along with stakeholders to make the case to the Legislature to provide funding. It would serve our state and its citizens for Wisconsin to step up and begin to fill the gap. The Bar should formulate new and creative ways to change the funding dynamic.

- ▶ **Increase member engagement and connections with each other and the Bar**

We should increase connections among members and between members and Bar leadership and promote member engagement and leadership for lawyers of all levels. Expanded connections and increased engagement and leadership will enhance members' professional and personal lives and strengthen our Bar.

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BAR LEADERSHIP

- Board of Governors, Milwaukee, 2022-present; 2017-2021; 2011-2015; 2004-2008
- Executive Director Transition & Search Committee (2025), Executive Committee (2024-2025), Strategic Planning Committee (Chair 2014-2015), Policy Committee, Governance Committee
- BOG Liaison, Indian Law Section Board, 2022 to present; Past: Liaison to Communications Committee, Appellate Practice Section, ADR Section, IP Section
- Winner, President's Awards, 2007 and 2015
- Fellow, Wisconsin Law Foundation, 2016
- Volunteer, Appellate Help Desk, 2016-2021
- Author, Annual Review of Supreme Court decisions, Wisconsin Lawyer, 2015-2021
- Presenter, Annual Indian Law CLE, 2023; AMC, Elections, Engagement, and Employment: How the Pandemic Changed the Public's Expectations of Government, 2023
- **Local Bar:** Barrister, Thomas Fairchild Inn of Court since 2004, Milwaukee Bar Association (Board, 2008-2011, Co-Chair Bench Bar-Appeals, 2015-2017, Co-Chair IP Section, 2004-2007, Professionalism Committee, 1994-1998), Association for Women Lawyers, Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, MYLA Secretary, Newsletter editor, 1996-1997

EXPERIENCE / EDUCATION

- Litigator, Husch Blackwell LLP (formerly, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek SC), since 2002
- Litigator, Foley & Lardner, 1993-1998
- Litigator, Troutman Sanders, Atlanta 1998-2000
- Litigator, Fenwick & West, Palo Alto, CA, 2000-2002
- Indiana University Maurer School of Law, JD 1992, summa cum laude & 1st in class
- University of Virginia, BA 1989, History and American Studies
- Licensed lawyer in WI, GA, CA

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- President, Wild Space Dance Company, 2024-present; Board of Directors, 1994-1998, 2007-2024
- Tosa Kickers Soccer Club Board of Directors since 2015
- Mentor, "We the People" program, Wauwatosa West High School since 2019
- Player, Women's Soccer Club since 2008
- Co-Chair, Wauwatosa School District Facilities Advisory Committee, 2017-2018

Personal

I'm married to Mike Lawless. We have two daughters, 22 and 25. We've lived in Wauwatosa since 2007.

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