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Wisconsin Supreme Court accepts 5 cases at recent conferences

Madison, Wisconsin (November 12, 2026) - The Wisconsin Supreme Court recently voted to accept five cases, and the Court acted to deny review in a number of other cases at its September 10 and October 14, 2026 conferences. The case numbers, counties of origin, and the issues presented in granted cases are listed below. More information about pending appellate cases can be found on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Access website. Published Court of Appeals opinions can be found here, and the status of pending Supreme Court cases can be found here.

No. 2023AP1478 Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc. v. Prehn

Supreme Court case type: Petition for Review
Court of Appeals: District IV, Filing District I
Circuit Court: Dane County, Hon. Everett D. Mitchell, *on appeal, final order reversed and cause remanded with directions; on cross-appeal nonfinal order affirmed.*

Long caption: Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc., Petitioner-Appellant-Cross-Respondent, v. Frederick Prehn, Respondent-Respondent-Cross-Appellant-Petitioner, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Natural Resources Board, Respondents-Respondents-Cross-Respondents.

Issue(s) presented:

1. What constitutes "prevailing in whole or in substantial part" under WIS. STAT. § 19.37(2)(a) when an authority produces records after litigation commences but before final judgment?

No. 2024AP2484 Democratic National Committee v. Boehm

Supreme Court case type: Petition for Review
Court of Appeals: District II
Circuit Court: Walworth County, Hon. David M. Reddy, *reversed*
Long caption: Democratic National Committee, Petitioner-Respondent-Petitioner, v. Heather Boehm, Clerk of the City of Whitewater, Respondent, Republican National Committee, Intervenor-Appellant.

Issue(s) presented:

1. Do state courts have the authority to grant election participants' requests to extend polling hours to avoid infringing on Wisconsinites' right to vote?

2. Did the Republican National Committee ("RNC") timely challenge the Circuit Court's order extending polling hours?

No. 2026AP1818-CQ Cortez Gomez v. Kohl's Corporation

Supreme Court case type: Certified Question
Court of Appeals: 7th Circuit

Long caption: Michelle Cortez Gomez, Plaintiff-Appellant, v. Kohl's, Inc. and Kohl's Corporation, Defendants-Appellees.

Issue(s) presented:

1. Under § 100.20(5) of the Wisconsin Unfair Trade Practices Act, what pecuniary loss, if any, does a plaintiff suffer when she purchases a product falsely advertised as on sale in violation of § 124 of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection regulations?

No. 2024AP1850 Department on Aging v. J.J.

Supreme Court case type: Petition for Review
Court of Appeals: District I
Circuit Court: Milwaukee County, Hon. Cynthia M. Davis. *Affirmed*

Long caption: In the matter of the guardianship and protective placement of J. J.: Department on Aging, Petitioner-Respondent, v. J. J., Respondent-Appellant-Petitioner.

Issue(s) presented:

1. Does the circuit court lack competency to enter an order continuing an individual's protective placement when the County failed to file a petition and report for annual review under Wis. Stat. § 55.18(1)(a) "no later than the first day of the 11th month" after the prior protective placement order?

No. 2025AP315 State v. Helmbrecht

Supreme Court case type: Petition for Review
Court of Appeals: District III
Circuit Court: Eau Claire County, Hon. Sarah M. Harless. *Affirmed.*

Long caption: State of Wisconsin, Plaintiff-Respondent, v. Shane M. Helmbrecht, Defendant-Appellant-Petitioner.

Issue(s) presented:

1. Must defense attorneys seek permission to violate their duty of confidentiality to secure a competency evaluation for their client?
2. Does a criminal defendant need to be competent to assist their attorney from an appeal of an order related to their competency to proceed to trial?
3. Did the circuit court properly deny appellate counsel's motion for a postdisposition competency evaluation?
4. Whether *State v. Meeks*, 2003 WI 104, 263 Wis. 2d 794, 666 N.W.2d 829, should be overruled or modified.

Review denied: The Supreme Court denied review in the following cases. As the state's law-developing court, the Supreme Court exercises its discretion to select for review only those cases that fit certain statutory criteria (see Wis. Stat. § 809.62). Except where indicated, these cases came to the Court via petition for review by the party who lost in the lower court:

Original Action

2026AP1887-OA	Hilson v. Cudahy Restoration Foundation LLC

Adams County

2026AP1091-CR	State v. Groom

Barron County

2023AP784-CR	State v. Sekola

Brown County

2022AP2124-CR	State v. Mathewson
2024AP297-CR	State v. Markham
2024AP1637-CR	State v. Gunn
2024AP527-CR	State v. Brown

2024AP1113	Brown County v. Sheskey
2024AP1569-CR	State v. Headrick
2024AP1595-CR	State v. Grignon
2024AP1983-CR	State v. Newton
2026AP484-CR	State v. P.M.V.

Calumet County

2024AP317-CR	State v. Kingsley
2024AP897-CR	State v. Kimmel
2026AP2347-W	K.M.N. v. Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District II [Supervisory Writ]

Columbia County

2025AP253-CR	State v. Mazerek [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]

Crawford County

2025AP1426	Westbrook v. Jones [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]

Dane County

2024AP455	Stubhub, Inc. v. Wisconsin Department of Revenue
2024AP1434-CR 2024AP1436-CR 2024AP1437-CR 2024AP1438-CR 2024AP1439-CR 2024AP1440-CR 2024AP1441-CR	State v. Pruitt

2024AP1923 2024AP1924 2024AP1925	State v. Bell
2024AP2232-CR	State v. Johnson
2025AP2716-W	Fetzer v. Court of Appeals, Dist. IV
2026AP37-W	Lennon v. Ehlke
2026AP771-W	Lennon v. Court of Appeals, Dist. IV [Supervisory Writ]
2024AP564-CR	State v. Bruno [Chief Justice J.J. Karofsky and Justice C. Taylor did not participate]
2024AP1329	Pozner v. Fetzer [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]
2024AP1361	Pozner v. Fetzer [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]
2024AP2222	City of Middleton v. The Office of Commissioner of Railroads
2024AP2487	Pozner v. Fetzer [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]
2024AP2552	The Bank of New York Mellon v. Nelson
2025AP157	Winston v. Winston [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]
2025AP206	Hollfelder Living Trust Dated December 6, 2012 v. American Transmission Co.
2025AP830	State v. Banuelos
2025AP1934	University of Wisconsin Credit Union v. DiBetta [Justices S.M. Crawford and C. Taylor did not participate]

Dodge County

2024AP2518-CR	State v. McMahon [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]
2025AP392	State v. Buss
2024AP1846-CR	State v. Selerski [Certification] [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]
2026AP807-W	Scott v. Carr

Douglas County

2026AP2113-LV	Cason v. Cason

Dunn County

2026AP1870-OPA	Marin v. Wisconsin Elections Commission [Petition for Original Action]

Eau Claire County

2023AP1364-CR	State v. Deardorff

Fond du Lac County

2024AP1758	State v. Kienbaum
2025AP811	Fond du Lac County v. Noble
2025AP434	State v. Earls
2025AP1150-CR	State v. Erickson
2025AP1178-CR	State v. Catron

Green County

2025AP199	Green County v. K.M.S.

Green Lake County

2024AP722	Pelchat v. Schley [Justice R.F. Dallet dissents]

Iowa County

2025AP975-CR	State v. Way [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]

Jackson County

2025AP367	Haessly v. Reese

Jefferson County

2025AP2020-CR	State v. Ionetz [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]

Juneau County

2023AP2204-CR	State v. Reyes
2024AP709	Taylor v. Director, Douglas Bellile [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]

Kenosha County

2024AP2185	Kuehn v. Gordon
2024AP2240-CR	State v. Bowie
2026AP976-W	Winters v. Circuit Court for Kenosha County [Supervisory Writ]
2024AP1707-CR	State v. Eaton

La Crosse County

2024AP2539-CR	State v. Boyland

Langlade County

2026AP546-CRLV	State v. Maus
2026AP1064-W	Maus v. Rhode

Lincoln County

2024AP1425	The Estate of Harvey Bartsch, Jr. v. Frokjer

Marathon County

2025AP226	P.B. v. J.T.B.
2024AP471-CR 2024AP933-CR	State v. Buntrock
2023AP1225	Foley v. Decker
2023AP2265-CR	State v. Justice

Marinette County

2024AP2376-CR	State v. Strickland
2022AP2132-CRNM 2022AP2133-CRNM	State v. Blasing

Milwaukee County

2023AP1155	Charlton v. Charlton
2023AP1833-CR	State v. Guy
2023AP1926	State v. Von Brown
2023AP2055	State v. Valdez
2023AP2154	State v. Schulpius [Justice R.F. Dallet did not participate]
2023AP2246	Divine Pathways LLC v. Educators Credit Union
2024AP118	State v. Bunch
2024AP370-CR	State v. Millighan
2024AP867	State v. Hamilton [Justice J.C. Protasiewicz did not participate]
2024AP1297-CR	State v. Cruz
2024AP1338-CR	State v. Spears
2024AP1599-CR	State v. Nash
2024AP1613-CR	State v. Hudson
2024AP1685	Lara v. City of Milwaukee
2024AP1721	State v. Rodriguez [Justice J.C. Protasiewicz did not participate]
2024AP1734-CR	State v. Gathings

2024AP1800-CR	State v. Ramos
2024AP1987-CR	State v. Rash
2024AP2016	State v. DeLeon
2024AP2023	State v. Paine
2024AP2109-CR	State v. Townsend
2024AP2161-CR	State v. Pierson
2024AP2296-CR	State v. Brown
2024AP2331-CR	State v. Schullo
2024AP2355-CR	State v. Bryant
2024AP2403-CR 2024AP2404-CR	State v. Johnson
2024AP2470-CR	State v. Robbins [Justice J.C. Protasiewicz did not participate]
2024AP2469-CR	State v. Echols
2025AP4 2025AP5	State v. Jackson
2025AP232-CR	State v. Allen
2025AP343 2025AP345	State v. Carter [Justice J.C. Protasiewicz did not participate]
2025AP1194	Village of Hales Corners v. Singh
2026AP865	State v. G.L.
2026AP1128	Bowers v. Circuit Court for Milwaukee County [Supervisory Writ]
2024AP377 2024AP387	Mallett v. IDS Property Casualty Insurance Company Miceli-Krupka v. Proassurance Casualty Company
2024AP1117-CR 2024AP1118-CR	State v. Batemen

2024AP1485	Ruiz v. Atkinson
2024AP1737-CR 2024AP1742-CR	State v. Ireland-Coleman [Justice J.C. Protasiewicz did not participate]
2024AP2049	State v. Black
2024AP2218-CR	State v. Gohre
2024AP2249	State v. Lopez
2024AP2405-CR	State v. Dabney
2025AP2338-W 2025AP2339-W	Mannery v. Garceau [Justice J.C. Protasiewicz did not participate]
2026AP233	Flynn v. Brewers Community Foundation, Inc.

Oconto County

2026AP134-CRLV	State v. Stiles

Oneida County

2024AP1968-CR	State v. Iliopoulos

Outagamie County

2023AP628-CR 2023AP629-CR	State v. Santana-Carranco
2024AP2179	Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services v. J.E.A.

Ozaukee County

2024AP288-CR	State v. Smith

2025AP176-CR	State v. Rupnow
2025AP1703	City of Mequon v. Lindvall

Racine County

2023AP1863	State v. Persaud
2024AP746	State v. Dressler
2024AP2336	State v. Lee
2025AP2830-W	Hansbrough v. Circuit Court for Racine County
2026AP1079-W	Thornton v. Circuit Court for Racine County
2023AP1486	State v. Ruohonen
2024AP1584	McQuay v. Hayes
2025AP690-CR	State v. Davison

Rock County

2024AP1897	Wendt v. Wistrom [Justice C. Taylor did not participate] [Justice R.F. Dallet dissents]
2024AP2135	Kettelhut v. Kettelhut
2025AP983-CR	State v. Robinson [Justice C. Taylor dissents]

Sawyer County

2024AP1738	CRS Properties LLC v. Mossuto

Shawano County

2026AP1271-W	Reif v. Kussel

[Supervisory Writ]

Sheboygan County

2023AP2396-CR 2023AP2397-CR 2023AP2398-CR	State v. Gandy
2025AP2602	Adams v. City of Sheboygan Police and Fire Commission
2026AP621-W	Littleton v. Thomas

St. Croix County

2023AP1763-CR	State v. Spottswood
2023AP2280-CR	State v. Grant
2024AP2176-CR	State v. Graf
2025AP119	Schottler v. The Department of Transportation – Secretary Craig Thompson

Trempealeau County

2024AP281	County of Trempealeau v. Stenberg

Vilas County

2026AP1039-W	Scharbrough v. Ritter [Writ of Habeas Corpus]

Washington County

2025AP2798	Washington County v. J.E.C.
2025AP528-CR	State v. Nush

Waukesha County

2023AP1441	State v. Jackson
2024AP554-CR	State v. Syrrakos
2024AP1185-CR	State v. Anderson
2024AP1556-CR	State v. Cleveland
2024AP2442-CR	State v. Lipski
2025AP173-CR	State v. Gagliano
2025AP1561	State v. Reiner
2024AP207-CR	State v. Benton
2024AP209-CR	State v. Benton
2024AP311-CR	State v. Malone [Justice B. Hagedorn did not participate]
2024AP1131-CR	State v. Wolfe
2024AP1904	Johnson v. ProHealth Care
2024AP2165-CR	State v. Wiley [Justice B. Hagedorn did not participate]
2025AP880-CR 2025AP881-CR	State v. Carter

Waushara County

2024AP1921-CR	State v. Sandoval-Ceron
2024AP2329 2024AP2170	Raveendran v. Airola [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]

Winnebago County

2023AP566-CR	State v. Flatoff
2025AP2117	Winnebago County v. E.R.B.
2026AP805-W	Covington v. Cahak [Supervisory Writ]

Wood County

2025AP492-CR	State v. Williams [Justice C. Taylor did not participate]

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