

Tim Burns: I want to change the Wisconsin Supreme Court

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Progressive candidate for the Wisconsin Supreme Court Tim Burns makes his case for how he is different from the other two candidates.

MADISON, WI - In the final days of the Wisconsin Supreme Court primary race, the candidates for the Wisconsin State Supreme Court have drawn clear distinctions between themselves through public statements regarding how each sees the current status and future direction of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

- **Tim Burns**
- [UpFront](#) - "I'm not there to work with them, I'm there to replace them. I'm there to change this court. Our court is a national embarrassment, but more than that-- it hurts ordinary Wisconsinites everyday."

- **Judge Screnock**
- [Eau Claire Event](#) - "We need to have predictability and stability in the law... our business community can't arrange their affairs if they don't know when the law is going to change. It affects the contracts that they enter into and the deals they make."

- [Jay Weber](#) - "I think our court is functioning well... I think the individuals who are there, I can work with and I don't have any concerns about collegiality on the court."

- **Judge Dallet**
- [Wisconsin Public Radio](#) - "I think that distinguishes me from my opponents as well, because I am someone who can work with others... In looking at Mr. Burns, the way he's acted throughout the campaign, his blatant statements that he's not planning on working with anyone, that he's looking to the future, to when he can get the court where he thinks somehow he's going to be able to do, and not looking to today and actually August 1st when this term starts. I will start this term on August 1st, certainly protecting our rights and values that make Wisconsin great, but also with an ability to work with the people who are on that court to do the best we can for the people of our state."

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In response Tim Burns released the following statement:

Over the past decade, in case after case, we've seen our Wisconsin courts enrich the powerful, disenfranchise voters, authorize corruption of our government with the influence of special interests, and lock up people of color in record breaking numbers.

My opponents, Judge Rebecca Dallet and Judge Michael Sreenock, cannot be counted on to raise a finger to fight these injustices. Working people in Wisconsin are hurting, and my opponents are on the campaign trail discussing the need for collegiality and the needs of businesses instead of the needs of everyday Wisconsinites.

Judge Sreenock is happy with that status quo of our current Wisconsin Supreme Court because Justices Gableman, Rebecca Bradley and Kelly are supporting his candidacy. Judge Dallet has a personal relationship with conservative Chief Justice Pat Roggensack strong enough to have led Judge Dallet to support Chief Justice Roggensack in 2013 and strong enough to have lead conservative Chief Justice Roggensack to return the favor with a contribution shortly thereafter.

Neither of my opponents will take the Supreme Court in a new direction because they are cogs in a broken system.

I'm not running for the Wisconsin Supreme Court because I want a promotion.

I don't want to spend my time on the bench writing eloquent dissents.

I'm running for the Wisconsin Supreme Court because I want to do what is right and change our Supreme Court into a court that looks out for everyone, not just the wealthy and the well-connected.

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I want to win my seat in 2018, hold the progressive seat in 2019 and elect a progressive Justice in 2020.

That's the biggest difference between me and my opponents. They want to join the court to get along with it, and I want to join the court and lead the fight to change it.