



**DANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, BRANCH 3
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF WISCONSIN**

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JAMES R. TROUPIS, JUDGE

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Governor Scott Walker
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Dear Governor Walker:

Re: Thank you & Resignation

I want to thank you again for appointing me to the Dane County Circuit Court. It has been an honor to serve. I have had the great pleasure, as an attorney and now as a Judge, to be on the front lines in the battle to preserve our founding principles by strictly adhering to the rule of law. Those are values we each share.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, my mother, whom I having been caring for over the past several years, passed away. As a designated executor and trustee of her estate I must take time over the next several months to put her affairs in order and address numerous business matters on behalf of her five children, 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. A trial Court judge, unlike an appellate judge, must be in Court each day. There is no provision allowing me the time off I will need to take. Accordingly, as the election of my successor will take place today, I am resigning effective May 2, 2016.

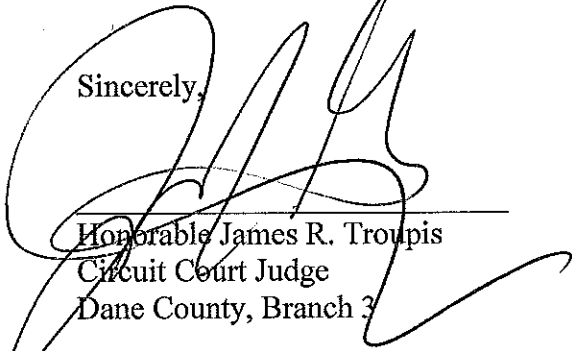
In the time I have served we instituted a series of changes within our Branch of the Court that have dramatically increased its efficiency. For example, when I took over in June, 2015, only 36% of the cases filed in the Branch were resolved within 12 months. By April 1, 2016 more than 66% of the civil cases were resolved within 12 months. When I took over, the Branch had resolved no more than 216 civil cases in the prior twelve months. By April 1, 2016 our Branch was resolving 732 civil cases on a rolling average—an increase of 238%. As a result of those efficient management systems, our case assignments increased from 594 to 1,097. For Wisconsin citizens, efficient resolution of their matters is the *sine quo non* of an effective trial court. Too often, Justice delayed means justice denied.

Of course, we conducted hundreds of hearings and trials in all types of matters and I have authored more than a dozen comprehensive, often complex, decisions.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not add that the reception I received over the past year from my fellow judges in the Dane County Circuit Court, and throughout the State, was exceptional. Both Dane County Chief Judge Juan Colàs and Fifth Judicial District Chief Judge James Daley provided invaluable advice and counsel throughout my tenure.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



Honorable James R. Troupis
Circuit Court Judge
Dane County, Branch 3

Cc: Chief Judge James P. Daley, 5th Judicial District
Chief Judge Juan Colàs, Dane County Circuit Court