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Wisconsin Right to Life Challenging Law Mandating Public Funding of State Supreme Court Candidates

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“Wisconsin Right to Life believes the new law which mandates public funding of State Supreme Court races is unconstitutional,” states Barbara Lyons, Executive Director of Wisconsin Right to Life. “Our organization and others have filed suit in federal court asking that the law be declared as such.”

Wisconsin Right to Life asserts in its Motion for Summary Judgment, filed July 9, that, as a matter of law, the rescue funds provision and independent expenditure reporting requirement are unconstitutional because they chill and burden Wisconsin Right to Life’s speech without a compelling reason. Neither prevent corruption nor serve any other recognized interest. The lawsuit also challenges contribution limits to judicial candidates for \$1,000. These limits cannot be constitutionally justified in light of the fact that: 1) other, smaller judicial campaigns have higher limits; 2) the limits make it more difficult for challengers to run; and 3) inflation isn’t factored in.

“Wisconsin Right to Life will continue to be at the forefront of protecting the right to free speech under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution,” declared Lyons. “We will not remain silent as the legislature passes laws which effectively silence our organization.”

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