

I have learned Governor Walker will within the hour name Waukesha attorney Daniel Kelly to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The other two finalists, Thomas Hruz and Mark Gundrum, are both conservative judges on the State Court of Appeals. Kelly, a lawyer in private practice who has primarily handled commercial litigation, is the president of the Milwaukee chapter of the Federalist Society, the most prominent conservative legal organization in the country. It is rare for a non-judge to be chosen for the state Supreme Court although the justice Kelly is replacing, David Prosser, was a former legislator and tax appeals board member when appointed to the high court. Kelly's nomination does not require confirmation and he will serve until the election in 2020.

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