

## Former State Supreme Court Justice Daniel Kelly May Seek To Return To Court; Justice Roggensack's Daughter May Not Run

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As I reported months ago, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Patience "Pat" Roggensack will not seek another ten year term on the court in the April 2023 election. Former Court Justice Daniel Kelly, who was defeated in a bid for a full term on the court by leftist Jill Karofsky, is considering a run to replace Roggensack.

In the meantime, wispolitics.com is reporting that Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Ellen Bostrom, Roggensack's daughter, has decided not to seek her mother's seat. I reported months ago Bostrom was considering a run. She has not responded to my questions about whether she is indeed out of the race.

The race will be crucial. If liberals win Roggensack's seat, they will hold a majority on the court and would be in position to strike down all legislation passed if voters elect a Republican governor this fall. The court currently has three consistent liberals and three consistent conservatives. Justice Brian Hagedorn flops back and forth between the two sides and whichever way Hagedorn goes is the way the court rules. Roggensack is a member of the conservative bloc.

Some conservatives are questioning whether Kelly is the strongest candidate given the fact that he has already lost a statewide race for the high court.

I have long argued that campaigns run on behalf of conservative candidates for the Supreme Court are inept and the result of the candidates using incompetent Madison-based political consultants. If Kelly isn't willing to switch things up and run a campaign based on law and order, he'll lose again. The recent win by Samantha Kerkman in the Kenosha County Executive election shows how conservative candidates can win elections if they are willing to hit the crime issue extremely hard. But most political consultants have been too stupid to figure that out.

Who will the liberal candidate be? Liberals have had great success running female judges for the Supreme Court (all three liberal justices are women) and many were counting on State Appeals Judge Rachel Graham to run but she has ruled herself out.

Some of the information in this story is based on excellent recent reporting by wispolitics.com

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