

JUDGE CHRIS L. TAYLOR

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude

Member of the Wisconsin State Bar since September, 1995

Madison, WI

May 1995

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, Magna Cum Laude

Philadelphia, PA

May 1990

WORK EXPERIENCE

JUDGE, WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS, DIST. 4

Madison, WI

2023-present

- Elected by Wisconsinites in twenty-four counties to consider appeals of circuit court decisions.
- Work collaboratively with other judges to research, analyze and write 3-judge panel decisions covering every area of law and author individual one-judge decisions.
- Authored numerous precedent-setting decisions.
- Supervise staff of law clerks, administrative assistants and interns.
- Serve on the publication committee and as motions judge.

JUDGE, DANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Madison, WI

2020-2023

- Appointed by Governor Tony Evers in 2020, and elected to a six-year term in Spring 2021.
- Served three years in a criminal rotation in one of the busiest circuit courts in the state.
- Handled over 3,000 cases, presided over dozens of complicated criminal jury trials and effectively and efficiently disposed of a backlog of cases accumulated from the shutdown of in-person proceedings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Circuit

STATE LEGISLATOR, WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

Madison, WI

2011-2020

Served five terms as Assembly representative to approx. 57,400 constituents in central Madison.

- Co-authored over 250 bills and resolutions, focusing on environmental conservation, strengthening democracy, women's and civil rights, and supporting working families.
- Co-authored numerous bi-partisan bills that became law, including the Safe at Home Act, that established a state-sponsored PO Box system for victims of crime to protect their residential addresses.

- Served on numerous legislative committees, including the Ranking Assembly Democratic member of the Joint Committee on Finance (2015-2016; 2018-present), Campaigns & Elections (2017-18), Children & Families (2013-14, 2017-18), Family Law (2013-14), Health (2013-14, 2017-18), Judiciary (2017-2018), Labor (2013-14), Law Revision (2013-14) and Ways and Means (2017-18).

LAW AND POLICY DIRECTOR, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WI

Madison, WI
2003-2011

Performed public policy and legal tasks for Wisconsin’s largest family planning provider and reproductive health advocate.

- Drafted, amended and advocated for legislation that supported health policy, including laws regarding insurance coverage for prescription birth control, comprehensive health care for survivors of sexual assault and expansion of family planning services.
- Prepared legislative and regulatory analysis, memos and materials on relevant public policy and legal matters.
- Provided state and federal constitutional analysis, legal research and writing;
- oversaw policy and legal strategy related to proposed and existing health care restrictions.
- Led *amicus curiae* efforts including legal research and writing in precedent setting case involving a pharmacist’s refusal to dispense birth control due to personal beliefs.
- Monitored state and federal campaign finance law and provided legal advice.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, BALISLE & ROBERSON, S.C.

Madison, WI
2000-2003

- Developed and managed demanding family law case load requiring frequent litigation, drafted legal pleadings, motions, and discovery, conducted depositions and trial preparation and participation.
- Litigated restraining orders and served as *Guardian ad Litem*.
- Participated as a volunteer mediator in family law cases and volunteer attorney through the Family Law Assistance Center.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, RELLES, MEEKER & BORNIS

Madison, WI
1998-2000

- Assisted partner and developed own family law case load which included litigation, trial preparation and participation, wrote motions and legal briefs, screened new clients and managed client communication and legal strategy.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, ADELMAN & HYNES

Milwaukee, WI
1996-1998

- Assisted partners in various civil litigation areas including family law, campaign finance and plaintiff-side labor issues.

- Developed own family law caseload and assumed all litigation responsibilities. Conducted foundational research, brief writing and assisted with litigation regarding “issue” political ads in Wisconsin.

LAW CLERK, HONORABLE MORIA KRUEGER, DANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Spring, 1995

- Performed legal research and analysis on complex civil cases. Assisted in drafting opinions and memorandum on legal issues involving civil liberties, constitutional law and tort issues.

LAW CLERK, ATTERBURY, RILEY & LUEBKE

Madison, WI
1993-1994

- Performed research, analysis and writing on personal injury issues. Drafted trial briefs, pleadings and interrogatories.

OTHER RELEVANT LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT, LAW PROFESSOR VICTORIA NOURSE

UW Madison
1994-1995

- Assisted with a national project examining the judicial treatment of provocation in homicide cases.

LEGAL INTERN, THE PAT FINUCANE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Northern Ireland
Summer 1994

- Researched Catholic women’s experiences of domestic violence, community and law enforcement response in a sectarian society.

LEGAL INTERN, LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS

Madison, WI
Summer 1992

- Researched legal issues and pursued postjudgment relief for incarcerated women.