

January 15, 2026

Mayor Shawn Reilly and Common Council
City of Waukesha
201 Delafield Street
Waukesha, WI 53188

Re: Application for City of Waukesha Municipal Judge

Dear Mayor Reilly and Council Members:

Please accept this correspondence and attached resume as my application to be considered for the appointment of the City of Waukesha Municipal Judge, for the term commencing February 3, 2026, and ending April 30, 2026.

I have been a resident of the City of Waukesha since my graduation from Carroll College (now Carroll University) in 1999 and have been a homeowner in the City since 2003. I have been employed at the law firm of Hippenmeyer, Reilly, Blum, Schmitzer & Fabian, S.C., located in downtown Waukesha, since May of 1999. After I completed law school and became licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin in May of 2003, I was hired as an Associate attorney with the firm and became a Partner with the firm in June of 2008, where I continue to practice.

As you can see from the attached resume, one of my primary areas of practice for the entirety of my legal career has been municipal prosecution. Our law firm has represented five Waukesha County municipalities since my time at the firm with me serving as lead prosecutor for the Village of Eagle for more than 15 years (we no longer represent them) and currently serving as lead prosecutor for the Village of Pewaukee since 2004. I have full understanding of the municipal court process, working with Defendants, and litigation of disputed citations and municipal ordinance violations. The experience I have gained as a Municipal Prosecutor aligns with the qualifications for this position, which would provide for a smooth transition into this new role as a Municipal Judge.

In addition to my legal background, I have a strong commitment to serving the City of Waukesha as I have been on the Waukesha and Pewaukee Convention and Visitor Bureau Board since 2003, and the Waukesha Police and Fire Commission since 2019. I currently serve as the Chairperson for both entities. It would be an honor for me to continue to serve the City in a different role as Municipal Judge.

This is truly a unique opportunity for me based upon where I am at in my life, as I am currently in the process of winding down my law practice, which affords me the opportunity to be available for the time commitment associated with this appointment.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to answering any questions the Mayor and Council Members may have for me at the February 3, 2026 Common Council Meeting, should I be considered for this appointment.

Sincerely,



Lori J. Fabian



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EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Juris Doctor, May 2003

Honors: CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Legal Writing, Spring 2001

Activities: Student Editor, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Quarterly (2002-03)
Student Mediator, Milwaukee County Small Claims Mediation Clinic (Spring 2003)

Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Bachelor of Science: Psychology and Criminal Justice, *cum laude*, May 1999;

Collegiate Volleyball Team 1996 to 1998

EMPLOYMENT

Hippenmeyer, Reilly, Blum, Schmitzer & Fabian, S.C., Waukesha, Wisconsin

Legal Secretary/Law Clerk: May 1999 to May 2003

Associate Attorney: May 2003 to June 2008

Partner: July 2008 to present

Areas of Practice: Family Law, Guardian ad Litem, Mediation and Municipal Prosecution

Lead Prosecuting Attorney, Village of Pewaukee (2004 – present)

Lead Prosecuting Attorney, Village of Eagle (2003 – 2019)

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, City of New Berlin (2003 – present)

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Village of Mukwonago (2003 – present)

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Village of East Troy (2018 – present)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

State Bar of Wisconsin

Waukesha County Bar Association

Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Alpha Gamma Delta Beta Epsilon Alumnae Chapter, Secretary (2000 – 2008)

Caregiver's Crossing, Inc., Board Member & Secretary (2004 – 2006)

Mental Health Association of Waukesha County, Board Member (2011 – 2014)

Team Up! With Families, Board Member (2006-2008)

Waukesha & Pewaukee Visitors & Convention Bureau, Board Member

(2003 – present); Executive Committee 2011-Present; Chairperson 2015-2017, and
Chairperson 2024 to present

Waukesha County Bar Association, Board Member

(2010 – 2015); Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President & President

Waukesha Police and Fire Commission

(2019 to present); Chairperson 5/25 to present

AWARDS

2025 Wisconsin Law Journal, Women in the Law Honoree

2022, 2024 and 2025 Wisconsin Super Lawyer – Top 25 Women Attorneys in Wisconsin

2023 Waukesha County Bar Community Service Award

2018-present Wisconsin Super Lawyer

2006-2012, 2014-2017 Wisconsin Rising Star Attorney

Resident of the City of Waukesha since 1999