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Phone Records Prove Gableman Campaign Made False Claim

*Phone Records Show Gableman Called Judicial Selection Committee Chair
Prior to Appointment as Burnett County Judge*

Milwaukee – Documents obtained by One Wisconsin Now prove questionable claims made by Mike Gableman’s Supreme Court campaign to the *Wisconsin State Journal* that Gableman had no knowledge of the judicial selection process former Governor Scott McCallum ignored to appoint Gableman to the Burnett County Circuit Court. Phone records show Gableman called James Troupis, McCallum’s Judicial Selection Committee Chair, one month before McCallum announced his selection of Gableman.

In addition, Gableman actually served on another of McCallum’s Judicial Selection Commissions and told the press at the time of his appointment that he found out about the Burnett County opening while serving on that very commission.

“This reckless disregard for the truth makes you wonder what they have to hide,” said Scot Ross, Executive Director of One Wisconsin Now. “The trail of documents assembled by One Wisconsin Now shows Gableman’s campaign isn’t telling the truth. Incidentally, they have yet to cite one incorrect fact we have reported.”

Gableman Campaign Claim:

Schmitz denied Gableman’s financial support of McCallum’s re-election campaign played any role in the selection. **He said Gableman was unaware of the selection process when McCallum tapped him to serve on the Burnett County Circuit Court in late August 2002** -- two months after the deadline to apply for the position. [[Wisconsin State Journal, 2/22/08](#)]

July 19, 2002: Gableman calls McCallum Judicial Selection Chair James Troupis. [[Gableman’s Administrative Law Judge Phone Records, 7/19/02](#)]

July 26, 2002: Gableman faxes resume to McCallum’s Director of Appointments. [[Gableman Fax to McCallum, 7/26/02](#)]

August 19, 2002: Release announces Gableman’s appointment to Burnett County bench. [McCallum Press Release, 8/19/02]

August 21, 2002: Gableman tells media he was serving on similar judicial selection commission when he said he learned of the Burnett County opening.

“He was serving on a judicial selection commission assigned to choose candidates for another judicial vacancy when he learned of the vacancy and made his interest known to the governor’s office.” [[Inter-County Leader, 8/21/02](#)]

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Troupis, who contributed nearly \$7,500 to McCallum according to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, acknowledged in today's *Wisconsin State Journal* article that politics played a role in judicial selections at the time.

The results of One Wisconsin Now's investigation of Gableman's judicial ethics and qualifications can be found at: www.OneWisconsinNow.org.

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