
In the Matter of)
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) **SETTLEMENT**
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Judge Annette Ziegler) Ethics Board Proceeding QA-2007-5

This agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority granted in §19.545, *Wisconsin Statutes*, for the purpose of settling a potential action for a violation of subch. III, Ch.13, *Wisconsin Statutes*. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. That Annette K. Ziegler is and, at all relevant times, was a Circuit Court Judge for Washington County and an elective state public official.
2. That Judge Ziegler does not contest the Report of Investigation which is attached to, and made a part of, this agreement. However, the parties agree to the following correction to that report: *In case #2006CV037 (West Bend Savings Bank v Blackhawk Repossession Investigation & Towing Services LLC) the Defendant did not appear at the motion hearing on the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment.*
3. That §19.46 (1) (a), *Wisconsin Statutes*, provides that no state public official may take any official action substantially affecting a matter in which an organization with which the official is associated has a substantial financial interest.
4. That Judge Ziegler's participating in cases involving West Bend Savings Bank, a corporation of which her spouse was a director, violated §19.46 (1) (a), *Wisconsin Statutes*.
5. That the Ethics Board found no evidence of Judge Ziegler's using her position to obtain financial gain or any advantage for herself or for her family.
6. That, in settlement of this matter, Judge Ziegler has, by check accompanying this settlement, paid to the Wisconsin Ethics Board a forfeiture of \$5,000 and agreed to pay to the Board, within ten days of receiving the Board's invoice, the costs that the Board has incurred in connection with this matter subsequent to the Ethics Board's filing its complaint in the matter.

JUDGE ANNETTE ZIEGLER Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN Date
ETHICS BOARD
By: Roth Judd
Director