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Michael Best Strategies' Andrew Hitt to Serve as Judicial Selection Advisory Committee Chair

Madison, WI – Michael Best Strategies is proud to announce Governor Scott Walker appointed Andrew Hitt, Partner and Chief Operating Officer of Michael Best Strategies, to serve as chairman of the Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee (JSAC), replacing attorney Michael Brennan who has been nominated to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

"I am humbled Governor Walker chose me for the job," said Hitt. "It is a privilege to be a part of such an important team, which will help guide and shape the future of the bench in the state."

The JSAC advises and makes recommendations on judicial appointees to Governor Walker. The chair works closely with Governor Walker's staff to review applications and writing samples, call references and conduct interviews of candidates.

"Andrew's experience makes him a perfect fit and we couldn't be prouder," said Rob Marchant, President of Michael Best Strategies. "We have complete confidence in the work Andrew will continue to do for our clients while serving the State of Wisconsin in this new role."

Hitt also serves as senior counsel at Michael Best & Friedrich, where he is a senior member of the firm's government and regulatory law team.

"In addition to having a very high legal acumen, Andrew is a straightforward, effective communicator," said David Krutz, Partner at Michael Best & Friedrich. "He will bring those very positive qualities to leading the committee responsible for helping find top-quality judges to serve in Wisconsin."

Previously, Hitt worked in Governor Walker's administration as deputy legal counsel, senior advisor, and as a member of Governor Walker's cabinet at the Department of Health Services and the Department of Administration. Prior to joining the Walker administration, Hitt was an

assistant district attorney in the Violent Crimes Unit of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Immediately following law school, Hitt served as a law clerk to the Honorable Justice Annette K. Ziegler for two terms on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

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