



# Tony Evers

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

## District Attorney Application

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To be considered, you must complete this application form. If you need additional space to answer any question, you may attach additional pages. Please note that if you try to fit a large answer into the limited space provided below, it may make your response unreadable, making it impossible to fully assess your application.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Attach the following documents to your application:

- Your resume;
- A cover letter;
- Two writing samples (10 pages or less each);
- Your answers to question 43;
- Your waiver, notice of disclosure, and affidavit; and
- Any necessary attachments (e.g., explanations requiring additional space).

**SUBMISSION:** Email this application and attachments to: **GovDAApp@wisconsin.gov**.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** You may have individuals submit letters of recommendation on your behalf. The letters must be sent to [GOVDAApp@wisconsin.gov](mailto:GOVDAApp@wisconsin.gov). The letters must be received by the application due date.

**NEXT STEPS:** The Governor’s Office of Legal Counsel will review complete and timely applications. If you are selected for an interview, the Office of Legal Counsel will contact you to setup an interview. Applicants who are not selected will be notified.

**County you are applying for:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| Name (First Middle Last) |  | Date of birth (MM/DD/YEAR) |  |
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| Email address            |  | Home phone                 |  |
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| Work phone               |  | Cell phone                 |  |
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| Mailing address          |  |                            |  |
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| Home address             |  |                            |  |
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**Section 1: Personal information**

1. Provide the following personal information:

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| Place of birth (City, State) | Gender |
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| Wisconsin State Bar Number   | Race   |
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| Maiden/alias/former name(s) | Dates used (MM/YR – MM/YR) |
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2. Are you a United States Citizen?      Yes      No

3. List each residential address you have had in the last 10 years:

| Street address | City, State, Zip | Dates you lived at the address (MM/YR – MM/YR) |
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**Section 2: Familial information**

4. What is your current marital status:                      Married                      Not married

5. If you are married, answer the following:

|                                   |                              |
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| Spouse's name (First Middle Last) | Date of birth (MM/DD/YEAR)   |
|                                   |                              |
| Date of marriage                  | Place of birth (city, state) |
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| Spouse's maiden/alias/former name(s) | Dates used (MM/YR – MM/YR) |
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6. List your spouse or partner's three most recent occupations, beginning with their current or most recent employer:

| Employer | Employer's address | Occupation / Job title | Dates of employment (MM/YR – MM/YR) |
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7. If you have ever been divorced, answer the following for each former spouse:

| Ex-spouses' name (First Middle Last) | Date of birth (MM/DD/YEAR)          |
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| Date of marriage                     | Ex-spouse's occupation and employer |
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| Ex-spouses' name (First Middle Last) | Date of birth (MM/DD/YEAR)          |
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| Date of marriage                     | Ex-spouse's occupation and employer |
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8. If you have children or step-children, provide the following information:

| Name of child | Age | State of residence | Occupation and employer |
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**Section 3: Education background**

9. List the name and location of each school you attended, beginning with high school:

| Name of school | Location (City, State) | Dates attended (MM/YR – MM/YR) | Degree earned |
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10. List any scholarships, awards, honors, or citations you received during college, graduate school, or law school.

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11. While attending any secondary school or college, have you ever been expelled, suspended, placed on probation, or withdrawn from enrollment due to an allegation of academic dishonesty or because of conduct that harmed or could have harmed others?      Yes      No

12. If yes, provide the following information:

| Name & location of school | Date conduct occurred (MM/YEAR) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                           |                                 |
| Nature of conduct         | Disposition / outcome           |
|                           |                                 |
| Details of incident       |                                 |
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**Section 4: Professional background and experience**

13. List each court and administrative body in which you have been admitted to practice:

| Bar admission | Date of admission (MM/YR) |
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14. If any of your admissions listed above have lapsed, state when and why the admission lapsed.

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15. List all your places of employment for the last 15 years, including periods of unemployment, beginning with your most recent employer.

| Employer | Employer's address | Occupation / Job title | Dates of employment (MM/YR – MM/YR) |
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16. If you served in the military, provide the particulars of your service, including the dates of service, the branch of service, rank or rate, and type of discharge received.

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17. Within the past 10 years, has your employment ended for one of the following reasons: you were fired; you resigned after being told you would be fired; you left by mutual agreement following allegations of misconduct or unsatisfactory performance; or you left for other reasons under unfavorable circumstances?

Yes      No

18. If yes, provide the following information:

| Employer                       | Employer's address           |
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|                                |                              |
| Specific reason for separation | Date of separation (MM/YEAR) |
|                                |                              |
| Explanation                    |                              |
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19. Provide the following information if, within the past 10 years, an employer investigated you or disciplined you due to actual or alleged misconduct:

| Employer                           | Employer's address           |
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| Nature of allegation or misconduct | Disposition of investigation |
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| Explanation                        |                              |
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**Section 5: Legal practice**

20. Describe the general character of your current legal practice.

21. Describe your experience in criminal law.

22. Describe up to three significant trials, appeals, or other legal matters in which you participated as a judge or lawyer in the past seven years. Explain your role, jurisdiction, name of judge and opposing counsel, dates of involvement, a brief description of your involvement, and why it was significant.

23. Provide totals for the following. Indicate if the number is an estimate.

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| Number of felony criminal jury trials you have first-chaired:     |  |
| Number of misdemeanor jury trial you have first-chaired:          |  |
| Number of civil jury trials you have first-chaired or co-chaired: |  |
| Number of plea bargains you have negotiated:                      |  |

24. Describe your non-litigation legal experience.

25. Summarize any speeches or presentations you have given in the past five years about the law, including: the date of the speech or presentation and the organization to which you presented.

26. List any articles or publications you have authored about the law. Include a citation or hyperlink to each article or publication.



**Section 5: Professional and public service**

27. Identify your participation in professional associations.

| Name of association | Offices held and committees served on | Awards, honors, or citations | Dates of participation |
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28. Identify your participation in civic and charitable organizations.

| Name of organization | Offices held and committees served on | Awards, honors, or citations | Dates of participation |
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29. Do you currently belong to, or have you ever belonged to, any organization that discriminates on the basis of gender identity, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, through membership requirements or membership policies? If so, identify the organization, the dates in which you belonged to the organization, and what, if anything you did to change such requirements or policies.

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30. Identify all public offices to which you were appointed or elected.

| Name of office | Elected or appointed? | Dates of service |
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31. Identify any awards or honors you have received in the past 10 years, which have not been listed elsewhere on this application.

| Entity providing the award or honor | Name of the award or honor | Date received (MM/YEAR) |
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32. Describe any significant pro bono legal work or volunteer service you have performed.

**Section 6: Business interests**

33. If you or your spouse are a director, officer, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business entity, provide the following information:

| Name of the business | Nature of the business | Duties you or your spouse perform | You or your spouse's intended involvement if you are appointed |
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**Section 7: Previous partisan or non-partisan political involvement**

34. List any position you have held in a judicial, non-partisan, or partisan political campaign, committee, or organization (e.g., treasurer, campaign manager, volunteer). Include dates of participation.

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35. If you have ever run for public office, provide the following information:

| Office sought | Date of primary election | Date of general election | Outcome / percentage of vote you obtained |
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36. If you have ever publicly endorsed a candidate in the past ten years, provide the following information:

| Name of endorsed candidate | Office sought by candidate | Year of endorsement |
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**Section 8: Character and fitness**

37. Answer the following questions. If you answer “no” to any of the following questions, you must attach a detailed explanation of why you answered no.

|   | Yes | No |
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| a. Are you in good standing with each jurisdiction in which you are admitted to practice law?   |     |    |
| b. Are you current with your continuing legal education requirements in each state in which you are admitted to practice law?                                       |     |    |
| c. Are you free of any physical or mental impairment that in any way would limit your ability or fitness to properly exercise your duties in a professional manner? |     |    |
| d. Have you met every deadline imposed by a court order or obtained an extension when needed?   |     |    |
| g. Were all of your taxes (federal, state, local) current as of the date of your application?   |     |    |

38. Answer the following questions. If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, you must attach a detailed explanation of why you answered yes.

|  | Yes | No |
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| a. Has any tribunal ever held you in contempt or otherwise formally reprimanded or sanctioned you?   |     |    |
| b. Have you ever been disciplined, reprimanded, or sanctioned by any regulatory or licensing entity?   |     |    |
| c. Have you ever been party to a lawsuit, either as a plaintiff or a defendant?  |     |    |
| d. Have you ever been subject to an investigation by the Wisconsin Judicial Commission, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the Office of Lawyer Regulation, the Crime Victim Rights Board, or any other equivalent entity in any jurisdiction? |     |    |
| e. Have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded by a sitting judge?   |     |    |
| f. Has a tax lien ever been filed against you?   |     |    |
| h. Have you or your spouse ever been subject of any audit, investigation, or inquiry for either federal, state, or local taxes?  |     |    |
| i. Have you or your spouse ever filed for bankruptcy?  |     |    |
| j. Is there anything in your current or past financial situation that would affect your ability to serve as District Attorney?   |     |    |

39. Are there any circumstances in your professional or personal life that might interfere or create a substantial question as to your qualifications to serve as District Attorney? If so, provide a detailed explanation.

40. Provide three references, two of which must be practicing attorneys or judges.

| Name    | Occupation   |
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| Address | Phone Number |
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| Name    | Occupation   |
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**Section 10: County involvement**

41. Answer the following:

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| Do you currently reside in the county to which you are applying? | Yes | No |
| If no, are you willing to relocate to the county?                | Yes | No |
| If yes, how long have you lived in the county?                   |     |    |

42. Describe your professional or personal involvement with the county to which you are applying.

## **Section 11: Additional information for consideration**

43. Attach your answers to the following questions. Each answer must be 500 words or less.
- a. Why do you want to serve the people of Wisconsin as a District Attorney?
  - b. District Attorneys have significant discretion in how to charge and prosecute crimes within their jurisdiction. Describe your charging and prosecuting philosophy.
  - c. Describe your philosophy regarding alternative dispositions (e.g. deferred judgments) and restorative justice.
  - d. Wisconsin faces a variety of inequities in the criminal justice system. Please describe the inequities you see in the region to which you are applying and how you plan to address those inequities.
44. Attach two writing samples, no longer than 10 pages each.
45. Do you wish to request that your application remain confidential to the extent permitted by law? Please note that state law only provides limited protections. Also, a request for confidentiality will not adversely affect your application.

Yes

No

## Waiver and Authorization

I hereby authorize the Office of the Governor or his staff to solicit information and records pertaining to me from any or all of the following sources:

1. My present employer.
2. My previous employers.
3. Any school, college, university, or other educational institution that I attended.
4. Any place of business.
5. Any governmental agency or political subdivision.
6. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

I further authorize any recipient of a request for information from the Governor or his staff to provide any such information as may be necessary to consider my application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Notice of Disclosure

I acknowledge and understand that my application and its attachments will become public records once they are submitted to the Office of the Governor. I further acknowledge and understand that, while state law provides limited confidentiality protections, most of my application and its attachments are subject to disclosure to the general public under the Public Records Law.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Affidavit

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do swear that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin  
My commission: \_\_\_\_\_