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## **Rep. Hintz: Statement on Justice Abrahamson's Retirement**

MADISON – Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement on Supreme Court Justice Shirley Abrahamson's announcement that she will not seek re-election to the court when her term is up next April.

***"I want to thank Justice Abrahamson for serving the citizens of Wisconsin with distinction for more than 40 years on the bench. I will remember Justice Abrahamson for her tireless work ethic and brilliant legal mind. She has always possessed a unique ability to serve as a voice of reason while speaking her mind in order to uphold the rule of law and the founding principles of our state and nation. Through her legal opinions and leadership as Chief Justice, Justice Abrahamson's legacy will live on in Wisconsin history for generations. I wish her the very best in her retirement."***

Justice Abrahamson was the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court and first to serve as Chief Justice. She was first appointed in 1976, elected in 1979, and subsequently re-elected three times.

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