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Wisconsin Civil Justice Council Releases 2018 President's Report

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Madison – WCJC released today the [2018 President's Report](#) from WCJC President Bill G. Smith. The report overviews WCJC's successful 2017-18 legislative session.

Earlier this year, WCJC lobbied in support of 2017 Assembly Bill 773, which was signed into law by Gov. Scott Walker as [2017 Wisconsin Act 235](#). Act 235 amended Wisconsin's civil discovery laws, which will reduce costs for businesses by curtailing the amounts of unnecessary, expensive discovery, and make Wisconsin the first state in the nation to shine the light on third-party litigation funding, the growing practice in which third parties "invest" in litigation and drive up the cost of lawsuits.

In addition to legislation, WCJC is also vigilant with respect to the courts. The biggest victory in 2018 before the Supreme Court was *Mayo v. Wisconsin Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund*, where the Court upheld Wisconsin's statutory limit on noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases.

Finally, WCJC issued its comprehensive [2018 Guide to the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Judicial Evaluation](#), which reviews the most important cases decided by the Court affecting the business community.

WCJC has been extremely active again in 2017-18, and looks forward to continued success in 2019.

Download the 2018 President's Report here:

<http://www.wisciviljusticecouncil.org/wcms/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Presidents-report-2018.pdf>.

For more information on WCJC, visit www.wisciviljusticecouncil.org.

The Wisconsin Civil Justice Council's mission is to promote fairness and equity in Wisconsin's civil justice system, with the ultimate goal to make Wisconsin a better place to work and live.