

EXECUTIVE ORDER #225

Relating to the Creation of the Task Force on the  
Creation of a Wisconsin Business Court

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a history of providing an efficient, responsive, and accessible court system for the citizens and businesses of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a tradition of creating, maintaining, and expanding business opportunities in Wisconsin as well as attracting new business to Wisconsin to create jobs and promote economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is committed to investigating methods of improving the efficiency, responsiveness, and accessibility of its court system for its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a court with streamlined procedures to adjudicate business controversies may save court time and thereby increase the efficiency of the court system and decrease the public and private costs associated with business and non-business litigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute Section 14.019, do hereby:

1. Establish the Task Force on the Creation of a Wisconsin Business Court to:
  - (a) Identify the needs and requirements of business which arise when faced with controversies which ordinarily result in litigation, and how those needs and requirements might be met by a specialized court.
  - (b) Identify the fiscal and administrative impact the creation of a business court would have on the current court system.

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(c) Study the manner in which the present procedures for adjudication of controversies might be tailored specifically to a court designed solely for the adjudication of business controversies.

(d) Make specific recommendations as to legislation regarding the creation of a trial level court, the purpose of which would be to provide prompt and just adjudication at reasonable cost to business litigants, and recommendations concerning the procedures, rules, administration and laws which would govern such a court.


2. Direct that the Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure and shall include the Commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of Securities, lawyers, judges and business people.
3. Direct the Commissioner of Securities to provide the administrative assistance required to enable the Task Force to complete its responsibilities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.

  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State