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Co-Chairpersons and Members of the
Joint Committee on Employment Relations
State Capitol
Madison WI 53702

Dear Co-Chairpersons and Committee Members:

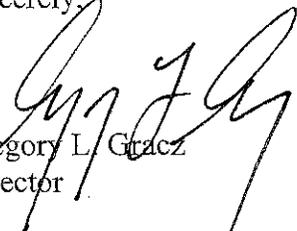
The State of Wisconsin, represented by the Office of State Employment Relations (OSER), and the Wisconsin State Attorneys Association (WSAA), have completed the process of negotiating a contract for the 2013-2014 fiscal year for the legal bargaining unit.

Negotiations resulted in a tentative agreement which has been ratified by the members of the bargaining unit. OSER recommends approval of the tentative agreement by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations and the Legislature.

The tentative agreement provides specified employees with a 1% General Wage Adjustment (GWA) effective the first pay period following the contract effective date, with a lump sum for hours in pay status back to June 30, 2013.

The effective date of the Agreement will be the day following publication in the official state newspaper. The Agreement will remain in effect through June 30, 2014.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Gracz
Director

Attachments: 1. Bill Draft
2. Fiscal Note
3. 2013-2014 Tentative Agreement



2013 BILL

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2 of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State Attorneys Association for the 2013-14
3 fiscal year, covering employees in the professional legal collective bargaining
4 unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposal is introduced under section 111.92 (1) of the statutes. The proposal ratifies the collective bargaining contract for state employees in the professional legal collective bargaining unit negotiated for the 2013-14 fiscal year under the State Employment Labor Relations Act. Currently, statutory program supplement appropriations fund the costs of collective bargaining agreements to the extent that they exceed budgeted costs. The proposal authorizes expenditure of moneys from those appropriations to fund the cost of this agreement.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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10 secretary of state. No formal or informal agreement between the parties that is not
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STATE OF WISCONSIN

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STATE ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

[Effective date]- June 30, 2014

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement made and entered into this _____ day of _____, at Madison, Wisconsin, pursuant to the provisions of ss. 111.80-111.97, Wis. Stats., and between the State of Wisconsin and its Agencies (hereinafter referred to as the Employer) represented by the Office of State Employment Relations and the Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the Association) as the representative of employees classified as attorneys employed by the State of Wisconsin.

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto that this Agreement constitutes an implementation of the provisions of ss. 111.80-111.97, Wis. Stats., consistent with the legislative authority contained therein, and provides for orderly and constructive employment relations in the public interest and in the interests of employees hereby covered and the State as an Employer.

The parties do hereby acknowledge that this Agreement represents an amicable understanding reached by the parties as the result of the unlimited right and opportunity of the parties to make any and all demands with respect to the Employer-employee relationship which exists between them, relative to the subjects of bargaining.

ARTICLE I

SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

1/1/1 This Agreement relates only to state employees classified as Attorney or Assistant Attorney General in the appropriate collective bargaining unit as defined by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission, Certification Case XXXIII No. 16403 SE-65 Decision No. 11640 dated March 26, 1973, and as amended.

ARTICLE II

Wages

Section 1 General Wage Adjustment (GWA)

2/1/1 Except as otherwise provided under Section 2 of this Article, the Employer agrees to provide all employees classified as Attorney and covered by this Agreement the following wage adjustments:

2/1/2 The Employer will apply the following adjustments for fiscal year 2013-2014 for eligible Attorneys in pay status on the effective date:

A. Except as noted in B. below, effective the first day of the pay period following the effective date of the Agreement, each eligible Attorney in pay status on that date will receive a General Wage Adjustment (GWA) of one percent (1.0%) of their base pay rate, subject to the pay range maximum. Any Attorney who is not eligible to receive the GWA, or receives a GWA of less than 1.0%, due solely to the pay range maximum limitation will be eligible to receive an Annualized General Wage Adjustment Payment as provided under Section 4, below.

B. Any Attorney who did not receive a 1.0% GWA on June 30, 2013, but did receive a structure pay adjustment on June 30, 2013, of less than 1.0%, shall receive a GWA equal to the difference between 1.0% of the employee's base pay rate immediately before receiving the structure adjustment and the structure adjustment value already received.

2/1/3 An employee hired into state service prior to June 30, 2013, and entering this bargaining unit as an Attorney after the implementation of the GWA in 2/1/2, above, and who has not been previously considered for or did not receive a fiscal year 2013-2014 GWA due to a delay in implementation of the 2013-2014 Agreement in the employee's previous bargaining unit, shall

receive the GWA provided under 2/1/2 A. or B., above, effective prior to any pay on appointment adjustment.

2/1/4 Employees receiving a GWA under 2/1/3 are also eligible to receive an associated lump sum payment for all hours in pay status from June 30, 2013, to the date of receiving the GWA.

Section 2 Employees Not Eligible for the 2013-2014 General Wage Adjustment (GWA)

2/2/1 Any employee in the classification of Assistant Attorney General, or who received an Attorney progression placement effective July 14, 2013, is not eligible for the GWA or Annualized GWA Payment.

2/2/2 Any employee with an original appointment in state service on or after June 30, 2013, is not eligible for the GWA or Annualized GWA Payment.

2/2/3 Any employee who has previously been considered for or received a GWA or a corresponding fiscal year lump sum payment provided under the Compensation Plan or another collective bargaining agreement for fiscal year 2013-2014, is not eligible for the GWA or Annualized GWA Payment.

2/2/4 Any employee who received a structure pay adjustment of at least 1.0% on June 30, 2013, to raise the employee's pay rate to the new pay range minimum is not eligible for the GWA or Annualized GWA Payment.

Section 3 Lump Sum Wage Payment for Delay in Implementing the 2013-2014 General Wage Adjustment (GWA)

2/3/1 Attorneys in pay status on the effective date of the GWA will receive a lump sum wage payment in an amount equal to the value of the GWA received under 2/1/2, above, multiplied by

the number of the Attorney's hours in pay status (in any classification) from June 30, 2013, to the effective date of the GWA. The lump sum wage payment will be provided as soon after the effective date of the Agreement as is administratively feasible.

2/3/2 Attorneys who were laid off from the bargaining unit after June 30, 2013, will receive a lump sum wage payment in an amount equal to the value of the GWA they would have received under 2/1/2, above, multiplied by the number of the Attorney's hours in pay status from June 30, 2013, to the effective date of the GWA.

2/3/3 Attorneys who went on a leave of absence from a position in the bargaining unit after June 30, 2013, and have not returned to pay status will receive no payment until they return to pay status in the bargaining unit during the term of this Agreement.

2/3/4 For the purposes of calculating employee benefits, the lump sum wage payment will be considered as salary or wages earned during the period commencing June 30, 2013, to the effective date of the Agreement.

Section 4 Annualized General Wage Adjustment Payment (Annualized GWA Payment)

2/4/1 Effective the first pay period following the effective date of the Agreement, any employee classified as an Attorney who receives no GWA, or receives a GWA of less than 1.0%, under Section 1, above, or who did not receive any Attorney progression placement increase on July 14, 2013, due solely to the pay range maximum limitation, shall receive an Annualized GWA Payment, prorated by budgeted FTE, equal to the amount of the 1.0% GWA not received because of the pay range maximum, multiplied by 2,088 hours.