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### **Chief Justice's Campaign Using Public Website to Obtain Campaign Staff Nass: UW-Law School Website Pushing "Internships" for Abrahamson Campaign.**

State Representative Steve Nass (R-Whitewater), Ranking Republican on the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee, is challenging Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson's use of the UW-Madison Law School to obtain campaign workers by calling it an "internship." The Abrahamson campaign positions are being treated as "career opportunities" in the eyes of officials at the UW-Madison Law School. Use of public resources for campaign purposes is prohibited under Wisconsin law.

**"It appears that the Chief Justice's campaign is using her influence and office to solicit campaign workers through the UW-Madison Law School. The description of these internships is clearly unseemly, unethical and possibly illegal," Nass said.**

The "internship" description makes clear that the individuals will be involved in fundraising, phone banking, canvassing and get out the vote operations. The internship notice was submitted by Jane Heymann, Assistant Dean for Career Services at the UW Law School. Nass noted that he will be communicating with Chancellor Biddy Martin and requesting that the use of public resources to promote these campaign positions be ceased immediately.

**"This was clearly not a simple mistake on the part of the Abrahamson Campaign or the UW-Madison Law School. This is just another example of the liberals in Madison wanting laws and rules enforced on other people, but openly defying the same standards," Nass said.**

Attached below is the wording of the internship as it appears on the UW-Madison Law School Website. The Web address is:

[http://www.law.wisc.edu/newsletter/Career\\_Services/Internship\\_in\\_Election\\_Campaign\\_](http://www.law.wisc.edu/newsletter/Career_Services/Internship_in_Election_Campaign_)

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### **Internship in Election Campaign for Chief Justice Abrahamson**

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You can get involved in the biggest electoral race this Spring!

Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson is looking for interns to ensure her victory! After 33 years on the court, the Chief Justice is running for re-election. You can be a part of her team! This is your chance to learn more about elections and gain valuable political contacts. Get involved in finance and fundraising, community outreach, phone banking, canvassing and get out the vote operations. Come work for us NOW! Hours are flexible, 10-12 each week, office is very close to the Capitol. Join the Chief this spring, work for the campaign...

Call the office at (608) 222-8806 or email resume to [stephanie.biese@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.biese@gmail.com)

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