

**STATEMENT BY JUDGE JAMES TROUPIS:**

“Today, we settled a lawsuit concerning the Wisconsin electors. The settlement was made to avoid endless litigation, and nothing in today’s settlement constitutes an admission of fault, nor should it.”

“It is the duty of lawyers to vigorously represent their clients, regardless of their popularity, within the bounds of the law. Our representation was vigorous and ethically appropriate.”

“An expert report by Harvard Law School Professor Lawrence Lessig fully supports our actions in Wisconsin. He concludes, as we did at the time, that given the results of the 2020 recount were appealable (and were appealed) to the United States Supreme Court, it was a reasonable course of action and expected that the Trump-Pence electors would cast alternate elector ballots. Indeed, Professor Lessig concludes that “To find civil liability [as the Biden Elector Plaintiffs sought here] ... would, in my view, violate the Supremacy Clause of the United State Constitution.”

“As similar conclusion was reached by Democrat Attorney General Josh Kaul’s Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) in an opinion to the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) in 2022, long before this case was filed. And it should be remembered that three Wisconsin Supreme Court Justices found that the arguments raised by the Trump-Pence campaign regarding the 2020 Wisconsin Presidential Election indeed had merit.”

“We are glad the case is resolved.”

**STATEMENT BY TROUPIS LEAD ATTORNEY MATTHEW FERNHOLZ:**

“It was a tremendous honor and privilege to represent Judge James Troupis. As a young lawyer in Wisconsin, I looked to and admired Judge Troupis when he was in private practice, as he had a sterling reputation for skillfully and successfully representing private clients, businesses, and people in the public arena in a number of high-profile public matters. I also followed his public commentary on matters of great concern to the State of Wisconsin.

“His reputation in local, state, and national circles is remarkable. Throughout his nearly four decades in private practice, and later service as a Dane County Circuit Court Judge, Judge Troupis attained universal respect within the legal community and from attorneys from all political perspectives. He earned this reputation by maintaining the highest degree of legal ability, integrity and professionalism.”

“Having now represented him for nearly two years in this matter, I was also able to get to know Judge Troupis on a personal level. Behind the public’s view of this case, I can attest he is a wonderfully caring man devoted to his family and faith, and is as loyal a friend as you will ever find.”

“He did not deserve to be put through this politically driven civil lawsuit, and I am glad he can now put this matter behind him and resume his public life that has benefitted so many.”