## STATISTICS ON WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT DECISIONS, 1942-43

# Four-to-Three Decisions

4-3 Alignments

Justices	Total	Case Names
Wickhem, Fairchild, Fritz, Fowler	1	Thomas v. Industrial Com.
Wickhem, Fairchild, Rosenberry, Martin	1	Le Fevre v. State
Fairchild, Fritz, Rosenberry, Barlow	1	Petrie v. Roberts

## 4-3 Membership in the Majority

Justice	Votes
Wickhem	2
Fairchild	3
Fritz	2
Rosenberry	2
Fowler	1
Martin	1
Barlow	1

# 4-3 Majority Opinions Authored

	Opinions
Wickhem	1
Fairchild	0
Fritz	0
Rosenberry	0
Fowler	0
Martin	1
Barlow	1
Total	3

## Decisions by Vote Split<sup>1</sup>

7-0 (or 6-0, 5-0)	6-1	5-2 (or 4-2)	4-3
265/280 (95%)	5/280 (2%)	7/280 (3%)	3/280 (1%)
Goodland v. Zimmerman	Huettner v. Eau Claire	Shea v. Chicago, M. S. P. & P. R. Co.	Thomas v. Industrial Com.
Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen, etc. v. Smith	Kusick v. Kusick	Eckhardt v. Industrial Com.	Le Fevre v. State
Banking Com. v. Townsend	Checker Cab Co. v. Industrial Com.	Ryan v. Wisconsin Dep't of Taxation (4-2)	Petrie v. Roberts
Baraboo Nat'l Bank v. Corcoran	State ex rel. Priegel v. Northern States Power Co.	Jung v. Industrial Com. (4-2)	
Barnes v. Murray	State v. Genova	Barber v. Industrial Com. (4-2)	
Brynwood Land Co. v. Industrial Com.		Robb v. Milwaukee (4-2)	
Campbell v. Drozdowicz		Wisconsin Employment Relations Board v. International Ass'n of Bridge, etc. (4-2)	
Cheese Makers Mut. Casualty Co. v. Duel			
Christoffel v. Wisconsin Employment Relations Bd.			
Estate of Downs v. Downs			
Gaber v. Balsiger			
Giannopoulos v. Milwaukee E. R. & T.			
Co. Gibbs Steel Co. v. Industrial Com.			
In re Calumet Brewing Co.			
In re Des Forges' Will [June 16, 1943]			
In re Thornton's Guardianship			
Nauman v. Central Shorewood Bldg.			
Corp.			
Parish v. Awschu Properties, Inc.			
Pearson v. Clam Falls Co-op. Dairy			
Asso.			
Reilly v. Theisen			
Simecek v. State			
Smith v. Superior & Duluth Transfer Co.			
Sprague v. State			
State Dep't of Public Welfare v. Shirley			
State ex rel. Birnamwood Oil Co. v.			
Shaughnessy			
State ex rel. McKenna v. Dist. No. 8			
State v. Kusak			
State v. Legg			
State v. Witte			
Straub v. Schadeberg			
Boyle v. Kempkin			
Braun v. Baudhuin			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to rounding, the percentages do not add up to one hundred. In few instances, a justice authored a separate opinion that concurred in part and dissented in part. For this and other tables, each such vote has been categorized as either a dissent or a concurrence according to the following guidelines. If a justice's opinion dissented from the result on one or more issues, it was classified as a dissent. If the opinion concurred with the result on all issues but disputed the majority's reasoning on one or more issues, it was classified as a concurrence.

Brown v. Appleton Masonic Temple		
Ass'n		
Chicago, S. P. M. & O. R. Co. v.		
Kileen		
Duel v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.		
In re Des Forges' Will [May 18, 1943]		
In re Razall's Will		
Kuehnel v. Wisconsin Registration		
Board of Architects & Professional		
Engineers  Maloney v. Industrial Com. [May 18,		
1943]		
Miller v. Miller		
Murphy v. Sunset Hills Ass'n		
Nelson v. Madison Lutheran Hospital		
& Sanatorium		
Rheingans v. Hepfler		
Rohr v. Employers' Liability Assurance		
Corp.		
Saunders v. Johnson		
Saunders v. Saunders		
Schubert v. Schubert		
State v. Zisch		
Venzke v. Magdanz		
Bramman v. Teutonia Recreation Co.		
[242 Wis. 620]		
Bramman v. Teutonia Recreation Co.		
[242 Wis. 624]		
Chas. H. Stehling Co. v. Milcor Steel		
Co.		
Fraser Lumber & Mfg. Co. v.		
Laeyendecker		
Giese v. Giese		
Gray v. State		
Krestich v. Stefanez		
Lutheran Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. State		
Millar v. Madison		
Myhre v. Hessey		
Nolan v. Standard Fire Ins. Co.		
Nutrine Candy Co. v. Industrial Com.		
Oldenburg v. Central Life Assurance		
Soc.		
Ozaukee Sand & Gravel Co. v.		
Milwaukee		
Rawn v. Superior		
State v. Scherr		
Thomson v. Racine		
Tolsma v. Miller		
Topzant v. Koshe		
Washburn v. Ellquist		
Welter v. Capponi		
Wolf v. Jebe		
In re Farmers Exchange Bank	 	
Campanelli v. Milwaukee E. R. & T.		
Co.		
Costello v. Polenska [March 9, 1943]	 	
Eide v. Skerbeck		
Ernst v. Karlman	 	
In re Peterson's Estate		

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Lamasco Realty Co. v. Milwaukee		
Ludwig v. Wisconsin Power & Light Co.		
Marinette County Fair Asso. v. Industrial Com.		
McCauley v. Balsley		
Moen v. Industrial Com.		
Nadler v. Nadler		
Oosterwyk v. State		
Schwitzke v. American Nat'l Bank		
Sheldon v. Johnston		
State ex rel. Anderton v. Sommers		
State ex rel. Lathers v. Smith		
State v. Davidson		
State v. De Hart		
Valley Refrigeration Co. v. Lange Co.		
Zblewski v. New Hope		
Bailey v. Tully		
C. I. T. Corp. v. Wallerman		
George Williams College v. Williams		
Bay		
Gratiot State Bank v. Martin		
Hansen v. Industrial Com.		
Haugen v. Wittkopf		
Hutzler v. McDonnell		
In re Anderson's Estate		
In re Heckert's Estate		
In re Reimers' Will In re Scherrer's Estate		
O'Donnell v. Kraut		
Prairie Du Chien Sanitarium Co. v.		
Prairie Du Chien		
Resneck v. Gruendler Shoes		
Robert A. Johnston Co. v. Industrial		
Com.		
State ex rel. Oak Park Country Club v.		
Goodland		
Wisconsin Tel. Co. v. Russell		
Blied v. Wisconsin Foundry &		
Machine Co. (6-0)		
International Harvester Co. v.		
Department of Taxation (6-0)		
Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co. v.		
Wisconsin Dep't of Taxation (6-0)		
Montgomery Ward & Co. v. Wisconsin		
Department of Taxation (6-0) Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. v.		
Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. v.  Wisconsin Department of Taxation (6-		
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Comet Co. v. Department of Taxation		
(6-0)		
Estate of Thronson v. First Nat'l Bank		
& Trust Co. (6-0)		
Estate of Allen v. First Nat'l Bank of Madison (6-0)		
Razall v. Razall (6-0) [243 Wis. 15]		
In re Messer's Guardianship (6-0)		
Cornelius v. Industrial Com. (6-0)		

Costello v. Polenska (6-0) [January 12, 1943]		
First Wisconsin Trust Co. v. Taylor (6-0)		
Fox Point v. Public Service Com. (6-0)		
Gilman v. Northern States Power Co. (6-0)		
Goelz v. Knoblauch (6-0)		
Hanaman v. Liberty Trucking Co. (6-		
0)		
Hoffman v. Hoffman (6-0)		
Hunzinger Const. Co. v. Industrial		
Com. of Wisconsin (6-0)		
In re North's Estate (6-0)		
In re Steindorff's Will (6-0)		
In re Tuttle's Estate (6-0)		
Industrial Com. v. Sanitary Baking Co. (6-0)		
Kiel Wooden Ware Co. v. Raeder (6-0)		
Maloney v. Industrial Com. (6-0)		
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State ex rel. Litzen v. Dillett (6-0)		
State v. Blankenship (6-0)		
State v. Jardine (6-0)		
Weissgerber v. Industrial Com. (6-0)		
West Milwaukee v. Bergstrom Mfg. Co. (6-0)		
Wisconsin Employment Relations		
Board v. Evangelical Deaconess Soc.		
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Witkowski v. Menasha (6-0)		
State ex rel. Martin v. Heil (6-0)		
Retail Clerks' Union, etc. v. Wisconsin Employment Relations Board (6-0)		
Balliet v. Wollersheim (6-0)		
Bitker Cloak & Suit Co. v. Industrial Comm'n (6-0)		
Boyd v. Wisconsin Department of Taxation (6-0)		
Boyle v. Marshall & Ilsley Bank (6-0)		
Cedarburg Fox Farms, Inc. v.		
Industrial Com. (6-0)		
Chrome Plating Co. v. Wisconsin Electric Power Co. (6-0)		
Currie v. General Acci. Fire & Life		
Assurance Corp. (6-0)  Daniels v. Industrial Com. (6-0)		
Gibson v. Streeter (6-0)		
In re Schmidt's Estate (6-0)		
Industrial Clutch Co. v. Wisconsin		
Department of Taxation (6-0)		
Koepke v. Miller (6-0)		
Kubina v. Nichols (6-0)		
Lindemeyer v. Milwaukee (6-0)		
London & Lancashire Indem. Co. v.		
Crook (6-0)		
Lytle v. Godfirnon (6-0)		
Miller v. Wisconsin Department of		
Taxation (6-0) [241 Wis. 615]		

Norris v. Wittig (6-0)		
Schneider v. American Indem. Co. (6-		
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State ex rel. Brister v. Weston (6-0)		
State ex rel. Shields v. Portman (6-0)		
State ex rel. Smith v. Annuity &		
Pension Board (6-0) State v. Retzack (6-0)		
Vande Leest v. Basten (6-0)		
Wilson v. Koch (6-0)		
Wisconsin Transp. Co. v. Great Lakes		
Casualty Co. (6-0)		
Abel v. Wisconsin Department of		
Taxation (6-0)		
De Wildt v. Thomson (6-0)		
Evans v. Michelson (6-0)		
Ferch v. Schroedel (6-0)		
Fox River Paper Co. v. Department of		
Taxation (6-0)		
Gokey v. Electric Household Utilities Corp. (6-0)		
Hoan v. Journal Co. (6-0)		
Hudson v. Industrial Com. (6-0)		
In re Kurth's Will (6-0)		
In re Oconto County State Bank (6-0)		
In re Wisconsin Mut. Ins. Co. (6-0)		
Jenkinson v. New York Casualty Co.		
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Kuhlman v. Vandercook (6-0)		
Landskron v. Hartford Acci. & Indem.		
Co. (6-0)  Mahoney v. Thill (6-0)		
Nagle v. Clure (6-0)		
Northwest Engineering Corp. v.		
Wisconsin Department of Taxation (6-		
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Perkie v. Carolina Ins. Co. (6-0)		
Richtman v. Honkamp (6-0)		
Ryan v. O'Hara (6-0)		
State Banking Com. v. Reinke (6-0)		
State ex rel. Nelson v. Thompson (6-0)		
State v. Badolati (6-0)		
State v. Grams (6-0)		
State v. Haggerty (6-0) State v. Milwaukee (6-0)		
Woodside School Dist. v. Industrial		
Com. (6-0)		
Winter v. O'Neill (6-0)		
Buchner v. Gether Trust (6-0)		
Clark v. Blochowiak (6-0)		
Cole v. Phephles (6-0)		
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Fish v. Connecticut Fire Ins. Co. (6-0)		
Flynn v. Kaukauna (6-0)		
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In re Hughes' Will (6-0)		
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Linden v. Babcock (6-0)		
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Miller v. Department of Taxation (6-0)		
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Moorman Mfg. Co. v. Industrial Com.		
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Racine v. Weyhe (6-0)		
State ex rel. Kidder v. Steele (6-0)		
State ex rel. Robst v. Board of Appeals		
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State v. Sullivan (6-0)		
Stylow v. Milwaukee E. R. & T. Co. (6-		
0) Thomson v. Public Service Com. (6-0)		
Town of Caledonia v. Racine County		
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Razall v. Razall (5-0) [242 Wis. 121]		
State ex rel. Hennessey v. Milwaukee		
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In re Estate of Hickox (per curiam, 7-		
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Junior v. Hardware Mut. Cas. Co. (per		
curiam, 7-0)		
Herring v. Holzer (per curiam, 7-0)		
In re Estate of Pingel (per curiam, 7-0)		
Smurawa v. Smurawa (per curiam, 7-		
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Bergstrom v. Zibell (per curiam, 7-0)		
Carlson v. Strasser (per curiam, 7-0)		
Cerminara v. Tews Lime & Cement		
Co. (per curiam, 7-0)		
De Canter v. Home Mut. Casualty Co.		
(per curiam, 7-0)		
In re Guardianship of Lindsay (per		
<i>curiam</i> , 7-0)		
Perkins v. Western Casualty & Surety		
Co. (per curiam, 7-0) [242 Wis. 667]		
Perkins v. Western Casualty & Surety		
Co. (per curiam, 7-0) [242 Wis. 668]		
Bentle v. Hoh (per curiam, 7-0)		
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Katzer v. Milwaukee Elec. Ry. &		
Transp. Co. (per curiam, 7-0)		
Klitzke v. Herm (per curiam, 7-0)		
Minton v. Beck (per curiam, 7-0)		
Nefstead v. Loehr (per curiam, 7-0)		
Kroll v. Zywicki (per curiam, 7-0)  Mazanec v. Crabb (per curiam, 7-0)		
Paul v. Piepenhagen (per curiam, 7-0)		
Schulz v. Jentges (per curiam, 7-0)		

In re Estate of Steindorff (per curiam,		l l
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Pierce v. Waukesha Motor Co. (per		
curiam, 7-0)		
Senn v. Johnson (per curiam, 7-0)		
Fox River Paper Co. v. International		
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curiam, 6-0)		
Collins v. Ladwig (per curiam, 6-0)		
Cuhrt v. Schmidt (per curiam, 6-0)		
Pilley v. Motor Transport Co. (per		
curiam, 6-0)		
Wood v. Royce (per curiam, 6-0)		
Brusberg v. Industrial Com. (per		
<i>curiam</i> , 6-0)		
Egery v. Smith (per curiam, 6-0)		
Hazen v. Fox Valley Canning Co. (per		
<i>curiam</i> , 6-0)		
In re Will of Hughes (per curiam, 6-0)		
Kranzusch v. Fassbender (per curiam,		
6-0)		
Neswold v. Neswold (per curiam, 6-0)		
Pride v. First Trust Co. (per curiam, 6-		
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Worzalla v. Blenker (per curiam, 6-0)		
Gooding v. Hendricks (per curiam, 6-		
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In re Archambault's Estate (per		
curiam, 6-0)		
Weaver v. Long (per curiam, 6-0)		

## Frequency in the Majority

These tables display how frequently each justice voted in the majority. The first table includes all cases in which a justice voted, while the second table includes only cases decided by split votes.

All Cases

Justice	Majority Votes Cast	Total Votes Cast	Percent in Majority
Wickhem	277	280	99%
Fairchild	278	280	99%
Fritz	268	277	97%
Rosenberry	279	280	99.6%
Fowler	273	280	98%
Martin	276	280	99%
Barlow	143	145	99%

#### Non-Unanimous Decisions

Justice	Majority Votes Cast	Total Votes Cast	Percent in Majority
Wickhem	12	15	80%
Fairchild	13	15	87%
Fritz	6	15	40%
Rosenberry	14	15	93%
Fowler	8	15	53%
Martin	11	15	73%
Barlow	8	10	80%

## Opinions Authored<sup>2</sup>

The first table indicates how many majority opinions a justice authored in cases decided by each of the four possible majority vote totals. The second table shows how many concurrences and dissents each justice wrote. If a justice concurred or dissented without authoring an opinion, he is not credited.

<b>Opinion Author</b>	7-0 (or 6-0, 5-0)	6-1	5-2 (or 4-2)	4-3
Wickhem	37	0	1	1
Fairchild	34	1	0	0
Fritz	33	0	1	0
Rosenberry	34	1	3	0
Fowler	40	2	1	0
Martin	31	0	0	1
Barlow	15	1	1	1

Opinion Author	Concurring Opinions	Dissenting Opinions
Wickhem	2	0
Fairchild	0	2
Fritz	0	0
Rosenberry	0	1
Fowler	0	5
Martin	0	0
Barlow	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Per curiam* decisions are omitted.

#### Agreement Among Pairs of Justices

The following tables show the percentage of decisions in which every possible pair of justices found themselves on the same side—either both in the majority or both dissenting. The first table covers all decisions; the second table narrows its focus to decisions that were not unanimous. When reading the <u>second</u> table, for instance, one finds that Justices Fritz and Martin voted together in 13% of the decisions, while the figure for Justices Wickhem and Rosenberry was 73%.

#### Agreement Between Pairs of Justices—All Decisions

	Fairchild	Fritz	Rosenberry	Fowler	Martin	Barlow
Wickhem	275/280= <b>98%</b>	265/277= <b>96%</b>	276/280= <b>99%</b>	272/280= <b>97%</b>	277/280= <b>99%</b>	140/145= <b>97%</b>
	Fairchild	268/277= <b>97%</b>	277/280= <b>99%</b>	273/280= <b>98%</b>	274/280= <b>98%</b>	143/145= <b>99%</b>
		Fritz	267/277= <b>96%</b>	269/277= <b>97%</b>	264/277= <b>95%</b>	139/144= <b>97%</b>
			Rosenberry	272/280= <b>97%</b>	277/280= <b>99%</b>	144/145= <b>99%</b>
				Fowler	273/280= <b>98%</b>	142/145= <b>98%</b>
					Martin	141/145= <b>97%</b>
						Barlow

#### Agreement Between Pairs of Justices—Non-Unanimous Decisions

	Fairchild	Fritz	Rosenberry	Fowler	Martin	Barlow
Wickhem	10/15= <b>67%</b>	3/15= <b>20%</b>	11/15= <b>73%</b>	7/15= <b>47%</b>	12/15= <b>80%</b>	5/10= <b>50%</b>
	Fairchild	6/15= <b>40%</b>	12/15= <b>80%</b>	8/15= <b>53%</b>	9/15=60%	8/10= <b>80%</b>
		Fritz	5/15= <b>33%</b>	7/15= <b>47%</b>	2/15= <b>13%</b>	5/10= <b>50%</b>
			Rosenberry	7/15= <b>47%</b>	12/15= <b>80%</b>	9/10= <b>90%</b>
				Fowler	8/15= <b>53%</b>	7/10= <b>70%</b>
					Martin	6/10= <b>60%</b>
						Barlow