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**ROBERT MARCHANT SELECTED AS SENATE CHIEF CLERK**

(Madison)- Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer (R-West Bend), Senate President Alan Lasee (R-Rockland) and Senate Minority Leader Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton) announced that Robert Marchant has been selected as Senate Chief Clerk.

Marchant replaces the State Senate's longest serving Senate Chief Clerk, Donald J. Schneider. Schneider retired in July after twenty-six and a half years as Senate Chief Clerk.

"I'm looking forward to working with Rob, who brings a wealth of intelligence and integrity to the Chief Clerk's office" said Panzer. "I have no doubt he'll serve the state of Wisconsin well."

Marchant has been employed as a legislative attorney with the Legislative Reference Bureau since 1998. Marchant is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Madison, earning both his BS and JD degrees. Prior to his employment at the Legislative Reference Bureau, Marchant was a partner at Bender, Levi & Marchant, practicing in the areas of commercial and employment law, litigation and real estate law.

"With Rob as our new Chief Clerk, the Senate will have a true leader and parliamentarian who will display the same professionalism that Don Schneider did for a quarter century," said Lasee. "It will be a privilege to share the podium with him."

"Today we've selected a Chief Clerk with outstanding credentials," said Erpenbach. "I'm confident Rob Marchant will provide great knowledge and the proper even-handed approach in his new leadership role in the State Senate."

The state Senate must approve Marchant as Senate Chief Clerk. The Senate is expected to do so when it convenes on January 20, 2004.



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