

Lena C. Taylor (Dem.), 4th Senate District

Born Milwaukee, July 25, 1966; 1 child. Graduate Rufus King H.S. (Milwaukee) 1984; B.A. in English UW-Milwaukee 1990; J.D. SIU-Carbondale 1993. Attorney for Taylor & Assoc. Law Office and former attorney of Wis. State Public Defender's Office. Member: Democratic Party; NAACP (former exec. bd. mbr.); Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (former Ivy Leaf rptr., former chair AKA Kids com.). Former member: Merrill Park Assoc.; Daystar (frm. bd. mbr.); West End Development Corp. (former bd. mbr., secy.). Recipient: Career Youth Development Image Award; AKA Trailblazer Award; Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Friend of Agriculture Award; Medical College of Wisconsin Award; Wisconsin Builders Association Friend of the Housing Industry Award; Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Citation. Legislative Black and Hispanic Caucus (chp.).

Elected to Assembly in April 2003 special election; elected to Senate 2004. Biennial Senate committee assignments: 2005 — Jt. Com. on Finance; Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy; Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. Assembly committee assignments: 2003 — Criminal Justice; Economic Development; Financial Institutions; Tourism; Urban and Local Affairs.

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Annette P. Williams (Dem.), 10th Assembly District

Born Belzoni, MS, Jan. 10, 1937; 4 children. Grad. Milw. North Div. H.S.; attended Milw. Area Tech. College 1971-73; B.S. UW-Milwaukee 1975. Full-time legislator. Former mental health assistant, counselor, cashier/clerk, keypunch operator, typist. Lectured at Harvard, Yale, Marquette, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, and Minnesota Universities. Appeared on CBS's 60 Minutes, NBC's Today, ABC's World News, and PBS's MacNeil-Lehrer Report. First African American and first female candidate for Milwaukee County Exec. 1992. Awards: Education Week Faces of the 20th Century; UW-Milwaukee Lifetime Achievement Award 1998; New York Times – one of 13 innovators who changed education in the 20th century; UW-Milwaukee Alumni Assn.'s Distinguished Alumnus 1994; National Black Caucus of State Legislators President's Award for Distinguished Service 1990. Received presidential invitation to White House Conference on Parental Choice, January 1989. Auckland Inst. of Technology 1993 Visiting Fellow, Auckland, New Zealand; Scholar in Residence, National Alliance of Black School Educators 1996.

Elected to Assembly since 1980. Longest serving woman legislator in either house. Author of nation's first parents education choice legislation. Biennial committee assignments: **2005** — Education (since 2001); Education Reform (since 1999); Housing. **2003** — Financial Institutions. **2001** — Census and Redistricting (ranking minority mbr. eff. 5/16/01, also 1999). **1999** — State Affairs; Urban and Local Affairs (also 1997); Education Comn. of the States (since 1995).

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Jason M. Fields (Dem.), 11th Assembly District

Born Milwaukee, January 29, 1974, single. Graduate Milwaukee Lutheran H.S. 1992. Former stockbroker, financial advisor, banker. Member: Prince Hall Masonic Lodge No. 4; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Milwaukee Urban League Young Professionals; National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors; National Association of Black Accountants. Former member: Democratic Party of Wisconsin (Chairman of 4th Congressional District); Milwaukee County Democrats (2nd District vice chairman); YPM (Young Professionals of Milwaukee).

Elected to Assembly 2004. Biennial committee assignments: 2005 — Economic Development; Financial Institutions; Small Business; Urban and Local Affairs; Ways and Means.

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Frederick P. Kessler (Dem.), 12th Assembly District

Born Milwaukee, January 11, 1940; married; 2 children. Graduate Milwaukee Lutheran H.S. and Capitol Page School 1957; B.A. U. of Wisconsin-Madison 1962; L.L.B. U. of Wisconsin-Madison 1966. Labor arbitrator. Member: Goethe House (vice pres.; former pres.); Milwaukee Chapter ACLU (bd. mbr., former pres.); World Affairs Council of Milwaukee (bd. mbr.); Wis. Academy of Science, Arts & Letters (bd. mbr., secy.); Wis. Bar Assn. (bd. mbr. of ADR section); Industrial Relations Research Assn. (advisory com. mbr.); Democratic Party; DANK (German-American National Congress), Milwaukee chapter (former vice pres.); Milwaukee Donauschwaben; Amnesty International Group 107 (former chairman); Milwaukee Turners. County court judge (Milwaukee Co.) 1972-78; Circuit court judge (Milwaukee Co.) 1978-81, 1986-88.

Elected to Assembly 1960, 1964-70, 2004. Biennial committee assignments: **2005** — Campaigns and Elections; Criminal Justice and Homeland Security; Judiciary; State-Federal Relations. **1971** — Elections (chp., mbr. 1969, 1965); Judiciary (since 1965); Rules. **1961** — Education.

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