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the quick repeal of these measures before they can help anyone. The insurance industry and its political allies are running around like “Chicken Little” trying to convince anyone who will listen that the sky is falling and rates will be taking a giant upswing, but once again it looks to be anything but the truth. We need to verify this with examples. If you have received a notice from your insurance company regarding rate increases, please send them to the WAJ office, [info@wisjustice.org](mailto:info@wisjustice.org).

While consumers are sure to benefit from the elimination of reducing clauses, anti-stacking rules, hit-and run-loopholes and adequate coverage levels, most consumers will likely never notice a change. That is because over 80% of policyholders already have more than the new minimums and according to a sampling of rate filings at the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, significant rate increases are just not

past presidents and Saturday morning’s program is on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. Friday’s program also features a Paralegal and Litigation Support program. Friday morning the Women’s Caucus will be meeting for breakfast, starting a 7:30 a.m. Racine County Judge Emily Mueller is the guest speaker. On Friday evening WAJ President Mark Thomsen and Incoming President Paul Gagliardi will host the reception and dinner. For information on speakers, topics and timeline, visit [www.wisjustice.org/WinterSeminar](http://www.wisjustice.org/WinterSeminar). To register for the seminar, Women’s Caucus Breakfast and/or President’s Reception and dinner, [click here](#).

### WAJ Holiday Charity

Efforts to Continue at

materializing.

The pressure to repeal these measures is likely to never go away, so if you hear people complaining about rates and trying to blame the legislature make sure you give them some free advice – shop around – with hundreds of companies in Wisconsin to choose from you are bound to find a better deal.

WAJ has put together some Public Service Announcement's with this message. To listen to them, click the links below:

[PSA 1 – Shop Around](#)

[PSA 2 – Auto Insurance Changes](#)

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### **New Insurance Brochures a Hit**

The new brochures ***What to do... if you are in a traffic accident*** and ***Understanding Auto Insurance*** have proved to be popular items with many WAJ

## **Winter Seminar and Annual Meeting**

As the holidays approach WAJ will once again be organizing three different efforts to give back to those less fortunate. It has been a tough year for many in our state and this year will continue to build on WAJ past efforts. WAJ will be collecting donations at the Winter Seminar and Annual Meeting in three areas.

- Donations for the Hunger Task Force. Attendees can bring non-perishable food items or make a donation of \$25 to help the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee County.
- Project Safety Phone. Donating old cell phones to be recycled and reused

members. Forty firms have asked for the customization of the form to date. They are great ways to educate the public on the recent changes the Legislature passed. Remember if you are interested in getting a personalized version that you can take to your local printer, just let Jane know at [jgarrott@wisjustice.org](mailto:jgarrott@wisjustice.org).

We have also distributed copies to all members of the legislature and sent copies to all public libraries to help make sure these are available to interested citizens everywhere. Don't forget you can link to the online version [here](#).

### **Impartial Justice Passes the Legislature**

The Impartial Justice Bill passed the Legislature on November 5. The Senate voted 19-13 and the Assembly later approved the measure on a 51-42 vote. The bill would provide public financing for

by victims of domestic violence. Please bring them to Milwaukee.

- Santa Brings a Lawsuit – Please bring your old suits, shirts, ties and dresses to donate to a non-profit agency for homeless or out-of-work job seekers.

### **WAZ Justice Fund: Become A Monthly Contributor**

The Justice Fund needs your contributions to ensure we have the financial resources to continue to be a force for good in Wisconsin. If you have contributed to the fund in the past we encourage you to renew your commitment by becoming an automatic monthly contributor. If

candidates for Wisconsin Supreme Court. Candidates who qualify would receive up to \$100,000 for the primary and \$300,000 for the general election. They could also receive additional money if one of the candidates opts out of the public financing system. The legislation provides that those who don't participate in the system would be limited to a contribution maximum of \$1,000. Current law allows Supreme Court candidates to receive up to \$10,000 from an individual and \$8,625 from campaign committees. The bill goes to Governor Doyle for his signature.

you have never participated in the Justice Fund, now is the perfect time to get involved. Don't sit on the sidelines and count on someone else to take action for you. Join now!



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