



## **Wisconsin Economic Development Association Inc.**

### **Special Session Legal Reforms a Boon to Economic Development**

*Gov. Walker's Reforms Will Enhance Wisconsin's  
Litigation Atmosphere*

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Madison – The Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) enthusiastically supports Gov. Scott Walker's proposed legal reforms for the upcoming Special Session. These legal reforms, coupled with other proposed changes, will contribute toward reinvigorating Wisconsin's overall business climate.

A recent study by the Pacific Research Institute (PRI) found that, when comparing states' current tort laws and procedures, Wisconsin ranked 35<sup>th</sup> in the nation. This ranking is consistent with other nationally recognized indices that have continually downgraded Wisconsin's litigation climate during the last decade.

“A state's litigation atmosphere is a critical business development decision making factor. Gov. Walker's proposed legal reforms will help make Wisconsin a much more attractive place to facilitate the growth of an existing business, jump start the formation of a new venture or leverage the attraction of new investments into our state. This type of bold economic development approach is signaling a strong message that Wisconsin is open for business,” said Brian Doudna, WEDA President.

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