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Wis. High Court Suspends Judge Who Tried to Help Illegal Alien Escape Arrest

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has suspended the far-left judge who helped an illegal alien nearly escape arrest by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The high court told Milwaukee County Circuit Court Hannah Dugan that she will not judge cases for the foreseeable future.

The action came after federal authorities charged Dugan — who helped a dangerous illegal alien escape through a door in her chambers — with one felony and one misdemeanor: obstruction and concealing an individual.



The Associated Press/X
Hannah Dugan

The order is all the more remarkable because liberals control the court.

BREAKING: Wisconsin Supreme Court suspends Hannah Dugan, the Milwaukee judge accused of helping a man evade immigration authorities. <https://t.co/9HRcMMKQcM>

— The Associated Press (@AP) [April 29, 2025](#)

The Charges

Dugan landed on the wrong side of the law when she took it upon herself [to help](#) previously deported Mexican illegal, Eduardo Flores-Ruiz, escape from the courtroom on April 18. He was in court to answer charges that he brutally assaulted two people.

FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, and immigration agents showed up at the courthouse to arrest the Mexican goon. When Dugan learned that, Flores-Ruiz was, all of a sudden, a man she wanted to help escape. Learning that ICE was there, Dugan “became visibly angry, commented that the situation was ‘absurd,’ left the bench, and entered chambers,” the FBI’s criminal complaint alleges. “At the time, Flores-Ruiz was seated in the gallery of the courtroom.”

Then followed Dugan’s angry confrontation with an ICE agent, whom she ordered out of the court. When the agent said he was there to make a lawful arrest on an administration warrant, Dugan told him he need a “judicial warrant” and must see the circuit court’s chief judge.

What Dugan did next seems nearly inconceivable. “Multiple witnesses have described their observations after Judge Dugan returned to her courtroom after directing members of the arrest team to the Chief Judge’s office,” the [criminal complaint says](#):

For example, the courtroom deputy recalled that upon the courtroom deputy’s return to the courtroom, defense counsel for Flores-Ruiz was talking to the clerk, and Flores-Ruiz was



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seated in the jury box, rather than in the gallery. The courtroom deputy believed that counsel and the clerk were having an off-the-record conversation to pick the next court date. Defense counsel and Flores-Ruiz then walked toward each other and toward the public courtroom exit. The courtroom deputy then saw Judge Dugan get up and heard Judge Dugan say something like “Wait, come with me.”

Despite having been advised of the administrative warrant for the arrest of Flores-Ruiz, Judge Dugan then escorted Flores-Ruiz and his counsel out of the courtroom through the “jury door,” which leads to a nonpublic area of the courthouse....

Judge Dugan commanded Flores-Ruiz’s attorney and [Flores-Ruiz] to leave through a backdoor of the courtroom.... [A witness] saw Judge Dugan escort Flores-Ruiz’s attorney and [Flores-Ruiz] through a non-public door near the courtroom’s jury box. Shortly thereafter, Judge Dugan came back to the courtroom and conducted hearings on that morning’s docket.

Frighteningly, Flores-Ruiz was in court to answer charges that [he punched](#) someone 30 times, then clobbered a woman who tried to stop the beating. Dugan’s helping Flores-Ruiz to flee required the federal authorities to find him to arrest him.

The complaint alleges that Dugan broke two laws: [18 U.S. Code 1505](#) and [18 U.S. Code 1071](#). The first crime, felony obstruction, carries a five-year stretch in prison; the second, misdemeanor concealing an individual, is punishable by one to five years in prison.

Bondi Reacts

Speaking to Fox News, U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi was rather more voluble than the criminal complaint. Dugan “goes out in the hallway [and] screams at the immigration officers,” Bondi fumed:

She’s furious, visibly shaken, upset. Sends them off to talk to the chief judge. She comes back in the courtroom ... takes the defendant and the defense attorney back in her chambers, takes them out a private exit and tells them to leave, while a state prosecutor and victims of domestic violence are sitting in the courtroom.

Suspension

So yesterday, the Wisconsin Supreme Court suspended the activist, pro-crime judge.

“You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following order,” the court wrote to Dugan and other court officials.

“The court has learned that Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Hannah C. Dugan has been charged with two federal criminal offenses, one of which is a felony and one of which is a misdemeanor,” the order says.

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Noting its authority over the state courts, “and in order to uphold the public’s confidence in the courts



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of this state during the pendency of the criminal proceeding against Judge Dugan, we conclude, on our own motion, that it is in the public interest that she be temporarily relieved of her official duties,” the order continues.

Thus, the high court “temporarily prohibited” the hate-Trump judge “from exercising the powers of a circuit court judge in the State of Wisconsin.”

Dugan won’t go back to the bench until the high court rules again. However, it isn’t likely she will continue to serve if convicted of the felony obstruction charge.

Dugan’s legal team, [The Associated Press reported](#), said “that the Court acted in unilateral fashion. We continue to assert Judge Dugan’s innocence and look forward to her vindication in court.”

Strangely, AP reported, her attorneys include two Republicans: “Paul Clement, a prominent conservative lawyer; and Steve Biskupic, a former U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin who was appointed by President George W. Bush.”

AP also noted that far-left judges control the court, 4-3.

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