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## **3 Wisconsin State Public Defender Attorneys Honored As 2014 Women In The Law**

(Madison) Three attorneys with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office (SPD) will be honored as 2014 Women In The Law during a ceremony on June 12, 2014, in Milwaukee. The recognition, sponsored by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, honors outstanding female members of the state's legal community.

The SPD staff who will be honored are:

- ◆ **June Spoerl, Assistant State Public Defender, Sheboygan Trial Office;**
- ◆ **Jean LaTour, Assistant State Public Defender, Waukesha Trial Office; and**
- ◆ **Mary Wolfe, Regional Attorney Manager, Fond du Lac Region.**

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson stated, "I congratulate Mary Wolfe, Jean LaTour, and June Spoerl on this well-deserved honor. They are outstanding advocates for their clients' rights, demonstrating every day their strong commitment to our our mission and our clients. They are excellent role models for staff in our agency and for all Wisconsin attorneys."

Mary Wolfe, Fond du Lac Regional Attorney Manager, manages 5 local SPD offices that provide indigent defense services in 8 counties. In her 26 years with the agency, Mary has been known especially for her expert mentorship and training of staff. In addition, she has maintained a challenging caseload, often taking the most complex felony cases.

Jean LaTour, an Assistant State Public Defender in the SPD's Waukesha Office, is an office leader in the areas of juvenile delinquency, juveniles in need of protection and services, and juvenile mental health cases. In her 20 years with the agency, Jean has built a reputation for taking the most difficult cases. She also is a leader in Waukesha County's collaborative efforts to combat drug and alcohol abuse.

June Spoerl has served clients of the SPD for 25 years. An Assistant State Public Defender in the agency's Sheboygan Office, June is such a strong advocate that clients repeatedly request her representation. She handles the full range of public defender cases, and she has provided representation in a number of high-profile cases. In addition, June is committed to her community and is involved in a variety of community programs and activities.

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