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## Three State Public Defender Attorneys to be Honored as Up and Coming Lawyers

(Madison) Three attorneys with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office (SPD) are being honored today as 2015 Up and Coming Lawyers. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Law Journal, the Up and Coming Lawyer award recognizes "attorneys who – right out of the starting gate – have shown themselves to be rising stars." The SPD attorneys are as follows:

**Colin McGinn** - Assistant State Public Defender, Milwaukee Trial Office;

**Faun Moses** - Local Attorney Manager, Janesville Office; &

**Eric Sanford** - Assistant State Public Defender, La Crosse Office.

Since graduating and starting with the SPD just over one year ago, Colin McGinn has amassed an impressive record as a litigator. He has already taken six cases to a jury trial, with four resulting in a not guilty verdict, one in a hung jury, and one in a mistrial. Colin has quickly earned the respect of judges, adversaries, and peers, and he is considered a steadfast advocate for his clients.

Faun Moses graduated from law school in 2010 and started shortly thereafter in the SPD's Madison Appellate Office. Faun's tenure with the agency has comprised a variety of positions; she has served as an administrative intern while an undergraduate in college and as a Public Defender Investigator before earning her law degree. Faun was recently promoted to Local Attorney Manager in the SPD's Janesville Office.

Since starting with the SPD as a new attorney four years ago, Eric Sanford has built a reputation for handling serious felonies and other highly complex cases. Within his first year, Eric co-chaired a 1st-degree intentional homicide case that generated extensive pretrial publicity. Eric is tireless in his work on behalf of his clients, and he is always willing to step-up and help out his colleagues on short notice.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson stated, "I congratulate Colin, Faun, and Eric on this well-deserved honor. I am also proud to know these three reflect the energy, skill, and enthusiasm of the staff who have joined the agency in the last few years."

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