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## **State Public Defender Attorneys Honored As 2015 Women In The Law**

### **Madison's DeeDee Watson & Waukesha's Maura McMahon Recognized**

(Madison) Maura McMahon and DeeDee Watson, attorney managers with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office (SPD), will be honored as 2015 Women In The Law during a ceremony on June 11, 2015 in Milwaukee. The recognition, sponsored by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, honors the state's top women in the practice of law who, by achieving success, have helped to pave the way for other women in the law.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson congratulated both, stating, "DeeDee and Maura are well deserving of this honor. They are both outstanding advocates inside and out of the courtroom, and they help the agency fulfill its mission through their skill and dedication. I congratulate DeeDee and Maura."

DeeDee Watson, Madison Regional Attorney Manager, manages 2 local SPD offices that provide indigent defense services in 5 counties. In her 29 years with the agency, DeeDee has built a reputation as a tenacious litigator who prepares cases thoroughly and advocates effectively on behalf of her clients. She also plays a leadership role in many of Dane County's criminal justice initiatives.

Maura McMahon, Waukesha Trial Office Local Attorney Manager, has worked for the SPD for 20 years. Maura is known for building strong relationships with her clients which allows her to provide highly effective and zealous representation. She is known as an especially strong advocate for children and for women, and she has great expertise in mental health issues. In addition to taking high-profile cases, Maura also manages juvenile and mental health cases in the Waukesha Office.

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