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Three Assistant State Public Defenders to be Honored as Up and Coming Lawyers

(Madison) Three attorneys with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office (SPD) will be honored tonight as 2016 Up and Coming Lawyers. The Up and Coming Lawyer award, sponsored by the Wisconsin Law Journal, recognizes attorneys who "have demonstrated leadership, contributed to their community and successfully achieved legal outcomes early in their career."

The SPD attorneys are as follows:

Robert Mochel - Milwaukee Juvenile/Mental Health Office;

Kelsey Morin - Waukesha Office; &

Jessica Schuster - Merrill Office.

In the span of Robert Mochel's four-year legal career, Robert has displayed a strong commitment and a great understanding of juvenile law. No matter how difficult the case, Robert has accepted the challenge. Robert's work with the issue of juvenile expungement has helped to educate others on the barriers that juvenile adjudications may present for juveniles as they reach adulthood.

Having started with the agency as a college intern, Kelsey Morin returned to the SPD in 2014 and became known for her boundless energy, dedication to indigent defense, and ability to relate to even the most-troubled individual. Whether second-chairing a homicide, providing quality representation to indigent parents in order to show cause hearings, or being a strong voice for indigent defendants in committee work designing fair pretrial programs, Kelsey has made an impact.

Since starting with the SPD five and one-half years ago, Jessica Schuster maintains a heavy caseload covering high-profile charges including homicides and mental commitments. Covering cases in both Langlade and Lincoln Counties, Jessica has also represented a number of juveniles charged with adult crimes in the juvenile institutions located in Lincoln.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson stated, "Jessica, Kelsey, and Robert are making an impact on our clients and in our communities, and I congratulate them on this well-deserved honor. They collectively reflect the outstanding commitment and skill level of attorneys who have recently joined our agency."

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