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SPD Board Member & SPD Staff Recognized as 2014 Unsung Heroes

(Madison) Regina Dunkin, Vice-Chair of the Wisconsin State Public Defender (SPD) Board, and SPD staff members Sandra Peterson and Kathy Smith will be honored today with a 2014 Unsung Heroes Award. The awards, sponsored by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, honor talented individuals in the justice system who often work behind the scenes.

Regina Dunkin, Executive Director of Beloit's Merrill Community Center, is a SPD Board member and holds the elected position of Board Vice-Chair and the appointed position of Outreach Committee Chair.

SPD's Sandra Peterson is a Legal Associate in the SPD's Appleton Trial Office, and Kathy Smith is a Budget and Policy Analyst in the SPD's Administrative Office in Madison. Both are long-time members of the agency who have contributed to the agency's mission over the years. Kathy is retiring from the SPD at the end of 2014.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson recognized all recipients, "As a member of our Board, Regina has brought great dedication and insight to the work of the agency and her Merrill Community Center. And as staff members of the agency, Sandra and Kathy have made wonderful contributions to the service of agency clients. I congratulate Regina, Sandra and Kathy on this well-deserved honor."

A total of 24 individuals from across Wisconsin were honored as a 2014 Unsung Hero.

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