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Two SPD Attorneys Named 2013 Up and Coming Lawyers

SPD's Nicole Masnica and Hannah Schieber Receive Honors

(Madison) The State Public Defender's (SPD) Nicole Masnica and Hannah Schieber have been named 2013 Up and Coming Lawyers by the Wisconsin Law Journal. They will each be recognized at a reception tonight at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee.

Attorney Masnica is an Assistant State Public Defender in the Waukesha Trial Office, and Attorney Schieber is an Assistant State Public Defender in the Milwaukee Appellate Office.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, noting the achievements of both, stated, "I congratulate Hannah and Nicole on this great honor. They truly reflect the new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm of our agency's young attorneys, and I look forward to their continued strong contributions to this agency and our clients."

In the two years that Attorney Schieber has been with the SPD, she has impressed clients, colleagues and the courts with her advocacy and her zeal for improving the quality of appellate practice. Attorney Schieber has already argued two cases before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, one representing a client adjudicated and committed as a sexually violent person and the other representing a client in a civil mental health commitment case. In her two years with the agency, she has also organized and co-presented three training sessions and workshops.

Since joining the agency upon graduation from law school in 2010, Attorney Masnica has distinguished herself through exceptional performance both in and out of the courtroom. She has shown the ability to handle any type of case, from misdemeanors to complex felonies, including co-chairing a double-homicide case within her first 6 months. Attorney Masnica also serves on the team of justice professionals operating Waukesha County's Alcohol and Drug Treatment Courts, and she is active in Waukesha County Bar Association.

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