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## Three State Public Defender Attorneys to be Honored

(Madison) Three attorneys with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office (SPD) are being honored this week as award recipients:

**Katie Bricco** - Wisconsin Law Journal's 2014 Up and Coming Lawyer;  
**Edgar Lin** - Wisconsin Law Journal's 2014 Up and Coming Lawyer; &  
**Marla Stephens** - Association for Women Lawyers' Pro Bono Award.

Marla Stephens, SPD's Appellate Division Director, will be presented the Pro Bono Award by the Association for Women Lawyers (AWL) during its annual meeting on September 16 in Milwaukee. Marla's storied career with the agency started in 1981, and she has gained a strong reputation as a trial attorney, appellate attorney, and administrator. Marla has shown an active commitment to AWL's opportunities of professional development, community involvement, and personal support.

Edgar Lin, Assistant State Public Defender in the SPD's Milwaukee Trial Office, will be honored as a 2014 Up and Coming Lawyer by the Wisconsin Law Journal on September 17. Edgar joined the SPD in July 2011, and he has worked in the agency's Appleton and Milwaukee Trial Offices. Edgar has earned great respect within the justice system, specifically for his determined advocacy work and his zeal for improving the life circumstances of his clients.

Katie Bricco, Assistant State Public Defender in the SPD's Waukesha Trial Office, will also be honored by the Wisconsin Law Journal as a 2014 Up and Coming Lawyer. Katie joined the agency in 2011, and she has already distinguished herself as a strong trial attorney. Her leadership outside of the courtroom also earned her a selection to the 2014 State Bar of Wisconsin Leadership Summit.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson congratulated each honoree, "It's wonderful that Marla, Edgar and Katie are being honored. They are each very deserving in their own right, and these awards show that members of the SPD, those at the start of their careers as well as staff with great experience, are being recognized for their dedication and accomplishments."

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