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State Public Defender Kelli Thompson to be Honored as *Citizen of the Year* by the Justinian Society of Lawyers in Wisconsin

(Madison) The Justinian Society of Lawyers in Wisconsin will honor State Public Defender Kelli Thompson as *Citizen of the Year*. The honor will be presented in a ceremony tonight, October 13, held in Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Club. The Society will also honor Joseph D. Kearney as *Italian of the Year* and the Honorable William W. Brash III as *Jurist of the Year*.

Kelli Thompson has served as Wisconsin State Public Defender since 2011, previously serving in positions including Deputy State Public Defender, Legal Counsel, and Assistant State Public Defender. She started her career with the agency as an intern during law school. Kelli's contributions in community and professional organizations include the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Badgerland, Wisconsin Women in Government, Wisconsin Literacy Council, Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, Wisconsin Innocence Project, Friends of UW Law School's Remington Center, and Marquette Law School Advisory Board.

The Justinian Society of Lawyers is one of the largest ethnic bar associations in the country. Members engage in activities that foster good fellowship, maintain the honor and dignity of the legal profession, perform civic duties, administer justice and promote the study of law.

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