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MILWAUKEE BAR ASSOCIATION & ITS LEGAL SERVICES TO THE INDIGENT COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC DEFENDER AWARD

PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD NAMES 2004 EISENBERG AWARD RECIPIENT

(Madison) The Public Defender Board will honor the Milwaukee Bar Association (MBA) and its Legal Services to the Indigent Committee with the 2004 Eisenberg Award. The ceremony will take place on October 8, 2004 at the State Public Defender's (SPD) Conference in Milwaukee. Public Defender Board Chair, Daniel Berkos, will present the award. Accepting on behalf of the MBA and its Indigent Committee will be MBA President Margaret Wren Hickey and Honorable Richard J. Sankovitz.

The Public Defender Board chose to present the Eisenberg Award to the MBA and its Legal Services to the Indigent Committee because of their dedication and ongoing efforts in support of indigent defense in Milwaukee as well as in Wisconsin.

"The Milwaukee Bar Association and its Indigent Committee are extremely active and dedicated to the principal of equal rights to our state's poor," stated Public Defender Board Chair Daniel Berkos. "I applaud their constant and continued advocacy and protection of the indigent," added Berkos.

The award was established by the Public Defender Board in 2003 to honor the memory of Marquette Law School Dean Howard Eisenberg. Dean Eisenberg worked tirelessly for the rights of Wisconsin's poorest citizens. Last year's recipient was Representative Terri McCormick.

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