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National Magazine Honors SPD Attorneys

State Public Defender Chiarkas & Public Defender Board Member Wettersten Named 2007 Super Lawyers

(Madison) The national publication *Law & Politics* named four attorneys with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office (SPD) and one Public Defender Board Member as among the best in Wisconsin.

Named a 2007 Super Lawyer:

- **Nicholas L. Chiarkas** – Wisconsin State Public Defender
- **Nancy C. Wettersten** – Public Defender Board Member; DeWitt Ross & Stevens, Madison
- **Neil C. McGinn** – Attorney Manager, Milwaukee Trial Office
- **Deja Vishny** – Attorney Manager, Milwaukee Trial Office

Named a 2007 Rising Star:

- **Vincent Rust** – Assistant State Public Defender, La Crosse Trial Office

The selection process is conducted by *Law & Politics* magazine and includes peer reviews as well as an evaluation of professional achievement.

Membership in the State Bar totals almost 23,000. Only 5 percent of Wisconsin attorneys are honored with Super Lawyer status and 2-1/2 percent are honored with Rising Star status.

In addition to recognition in the *Wisconsin Super Lawyers* magazine, all Super Lawyers and Rising Stars are recognized in a special insert in the December issue of *Milwaukee Magazine*.

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