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SPD's Krista Ginger Honored As 2009 Woman In The Law

Executive Assistant/Legislative Liaison Krista Ginger Recognized by Wisconsin Law Journal

(Madison) Krista Ginger, Executive Assistant/Legislative Liaison for the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office (SPD), will be honored as a 2009 Woman In The Law. Krista will receive her recognition during a luncheon ceremony on February 13, 2009 in Milwaukee.

Sponsored by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, the honor recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of women in the legal profession who have paved the way for success for other women. A total of 21 recipients from across Wisconsin will be honored.

In hearing of the award, Krista said, "While it's an honor to be recognized, I feel it's reflective of the work of all the members of our agency. I'm so very lucky and proud to work with such dedicated people. They're truly my heroes."

State Public Defender Nicholas L. Chiarkas stated, "I've always enjoyed the vantage point of seeing Krista's contributions to this agency and to our justice system, and it's only fitting that her accomplishments will have a larger stage. I take great pride in talking about the mountains Krista has been able to move, and I take just as much pride in calling her a friend."

"In citing just one of the many examples of her work, Krista is the catalyst behind the state's efforts to develop the Wisconsin Veterans Intervention Program. In fact without her, Wisconsin would not be where it is now on this initiative: implementing veterans treatment courts; developing a civil legal clinic for veterans at the UW Law School; and training our justice partners on the issues faced by our veterans," added Chiarkas.

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