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Eau Claire's Dana Smetana Named 2013 Women In The Law

(Madison) Eau Claire's Dana Smetana will be honored as a 2013 Women In The Law during a ceremony held in Milwaukee on June 25, 2013. The recognition, sponsored by the Wisconsin Law Journal, recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of women in the legal profession. A total of 28 recipients from across Wisconsin will be honored as a 2013 Women In The Law.

Dana Smetana is the Regional Attorney Manager for the State Public Defender's (SPD) Eau Claire Region. In this capacity, Attorney Smetana manages 3 local SPD offices that provide the agency's indigent defense efforts in 10 northwest Wisconsin Counties.

State Public Defender Thompson stated, "Dana has built a reputation as a strong advocate for her clients as well as a true leader and consensus builder. Her recognition through this award is extremely well-deserved."

"Dana's impact reaches beyond this agency and truly benefits the Eau Claire criminal justice community and Wisconsin's entire justice system. Eau Claire County has been a leader nationwide in the introduction of evidence-based decision making into its criminal justice system, and Dana was, and continues to be, an instrumental part of this effort," Thompson added.

Attorney Smetana started with the SPD in 1984 as an Assistant State Public Defender. Just 5 years into her career, Dana was promoted to Eau Claire's Local Attorney Manager. In 1994, Dana was promoted into her current position as Eau Claire's Regional Attorney Manager.

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