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State Public Defender Kelli Thompson Elected Board Chair of National Association

(Madison) State Public Defender Kelli Thompson was elected Board Chair of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) Governing Body during its annual conference held in Washington D.C. last week. Kelli will work directly with the other Board Officers representing California, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.

NLADA is America's oldest and largest nonprofit national association devoted to excellence in the delivery of legal services to those who cannot afford counsel. Since 1911, when 15 legal aid societies joined together in New York to create an association that would become NLADA, the organization serves as the collective voice for our country's civil legal aid and public defense providers and offer high-quality advocacy, training, and technical assistance.

“Congratulations Kelli”, said Jo-Ann Wallace, president and CEO, NLADA. “I have worked with Kelli on our Board of Directors for a number of years and know first-hand her commitment to achieving justice for all. Kelli has a history of building bridges to greater success. I look forward to her leadership as we move NLADA forward this next year.”

Last week's NLADA conference also saw the State Public Defender's (SPD) Gina Pruski play a leadership role in the conference committee, and the SPD's Kat Dellenbach, Randy Kraft, and Adam Plotkin led break-out sessions that highlighted Wisconsin's approach and successes.

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