

Assigned Counsel Division Newsletter

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Specialty Practice Groups

The SPD operates several Specialty Practice Groups focusing on complex legal practice areas. The groups are a great resource for private attorneys working SPD cases in certain practice areas.

Each practice group is led by a coordinator or coordinators ready to advise, mentor, or otherwise share their expertise. Each coordinator pulls together practice materials, including motions, briefs, transcripts, case outlines, and research/articles/studies to share with practitioners.

For more information, visit the Legal Resources section of the SPD website:
<http://wispd.org/index.php/legal-resources>

Specialty Practice Groups and Coordinators

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR): Amanda Skorr, Diane Rondini-Harness

Juvenile Practice: Eileen Fredericks, Devon Lee, Diane Rondini-Harness (for PB contacts)

Chapter 980: Robert Peterson

Forensic Sciences: Vincent Rust

Racial Disparities: Margaret Johnson

Homicide Practice Group: Deja Vishny

Immigration Practice: Melissa Nepomichi, Mindy Nolan, Kara Rolf

Special points of interest:

- **SPD Specialty Groups and Coordinators**
- **ACD End of Year Reminders**
 - Year End 1099 tax Forms
 - Report 2017 CLE credits to SPD
- **WISLAP Message**

Year End 1099 Tax Forms

The year end is fast approaching, and 1099s will be mailed out in mid-January. If you have changed your address or want your 1099 mailed to an address different than your payments, please submit the following DOA form by 12/29/17. Forms can be submitted to [ACD](#) or faxed to (608) 261-0625.

Follow the link below and choose form **DOA-6457: Star Vendor Information**.

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Budget-and-Finance/DEBF-Information-for-State-Agencies/NEW-SCO-VendorSupplier-Maintenance/>

For 1099 address updates– **Check the Additional Address box in Section 1, complete Section 5, sign form and submit.**

For address changes– **Check the Change of Address box and provide address to be replaced in Section 1, complete Sections 2-4, sign form and submit..**

2017 SPD CLE

Requirement

All private bar attorneys must complete six credits of continuing legal education each calendar year in SPD case type areas. Credits are reported through your online billing site.

If you have questions about your current reported CLE credits or SPD credit requirements, please contact [Heather Harris-Fatty](#).

Need 2017 CLE credits: please visit our [Training Division's webpage](#) for upcoming SPD CLE classes and current online training courses.

Welcome

Michelle Solem

We are happy to welcome Michelle Solem to the Assigned Counsel Division. Last month, Michelle joined ACD as its newest auditor. Michelle most recently worked in the SPD's Client Accounts and Verification Unit. She is looking forward to working with the private bar attorneys who represent SPD clients.



Happy Holidays from
all of us to you!

A Message from the Wisconsin Lawyers Assistance Program (WisLAP)

The New Year is coming and you may be setting personal and professional goals for 2018. Dr. Christine L. Carter Ph.D., suggests setting larger goals then breaking them down into progressively smaller goals you can complete day-to-day. Also, keep a positive frame of mind when things don't go your way. Most likely, you will implement your New Year's goals with a plan you believe maximizes your chances of success. You're a lawyer and lawyering is all about results. Keep in mind you cannot foresee all factors which may influence the results of your decision. Unanticipated and uncontrollable factors will inevitably come up, but it doesn't mean you made a "bad decision." Reframe any setbacks as chances to revise your decision-making process in light of what you have learned. Check-out these articles. They may help you plan, implement, and achieve your 2018 New Year's goals.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/brave-over-perfect/201708/how-get-better-achieving-your-goals?collection=1108739>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-science-behind-behavior/201707/why-meticulously-made-decisions-motivate-us-persist?collection=1108739>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/tracking-wonder/201711/radical-alternative-new-years-goal-setting>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-science-behind-behavior/201707/what-is-good-decision>

WisLAP has started a confidential peer group for attorneys in Waukesha with the intent to add a group in Madison. If you are interested, contact WisLAP staff. Best of luck in the New Year.

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