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## **4 State Public Defender Attorneys Named 2017 Leader In The Law**

### **Agency Attorneys from Madison, Milwaukee, and Sheboygan Recognized**

(Madison) Four attorneys with the State Public Defender (SPD) will be honored as 2017 Leaders In The Law during tonight's ceremony in Milwaukee: Patricia Adelman, Sheboygan Office; Sally Barrientes, Milwaukee Juvenile/Mental Health Office; Dawn Rablin, Milwaukee Trial Office; and Mario White, Madison Trial Office. The award, sponsored by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, formally recognizes the top members of the legal community. Tonights awards are the 15th annual Leaders in the Law awards.

Assistant State Public Defender Pat Adelman has been instrumental in the establishment and the operation of the Sheboygan County Veteran's Court. Assistant State Public Defender Sally Barrientes is known for her expert litigation skills and her mentoring and training of new lawyers in her local office. Local Attorney Manager Dawn Rablin leads a team of attorneys and professional staff, and she serves as the SPD's lead with the Milwaukee County Early Intervention Program and the annual "close the courtroom" program focusing on race-related issues. Assistant State Public Defender Mario White has earned a reputation as a gifted trial attorney who has an unending dedication to training other attorneys and is always available to discuss trial strategy with a colleague.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, who will attend the ceremony, noted, "What a great and well-deserved honor for each of the SPD attorneys being recognized tonight. I know Mario, Dawn, Sally and Pat well, and I can attest to their respective expertise and commitment to the legal profession and our clients in particular. Congratulations!"

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