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SPD Waukesha Attorney Named 2018 Up and Coming Lawyer

Recognition Continues SPD's Track Record of Outstanding New Attorneys Receiving Awards

(Madison) The State Public Defender's (SPD) Adam Schleis has been named a 2018 Up and Coming Lawyer by the Wisconsin Law Journal, and will be recognized at a reception tonight in Milwaukee. In the last five years, 13 SPD attorneys have been honored as an Up and Coming Lawyer.

Since graduating from law school in 2014, Attorney Schleis, an Assistant State Public Defender in the SPD's Waukesha Trial Office, has quickly built an impressive track record with his representation on complex cases. He has become known for his crisp cross examination style and his use of demonstrative evidence. With his recent focus on juvenile and mental health law, Attorney Schleis has been litigating the difference between intentional criminal conduct and youthful mistakes.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson noted, "Let me start by congratulating Adam on this well-deserved honor. In the short time that Adam has worked for the agency, he has shown to be very adept in his trial skills with a great dedication to our clients that our attorneys are known for. I am thrilled that Adam's recognition continues the proud tradition of SPD attorneys being recognized by the justice system."

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