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SPD Board Chair Dan Berkos Named Leader In The Law

Mauston Attorney Berkos Recognized by Wisconsin Law Journal

(Madison) Daniel M. Berkos, Chairman of the Wisconsin State Public Defender (SPD) Board and solo practitioner with the Berkos Law Office, will be honored as a Leader In The Law for 2008. Attorney Berkos will receive his recognition during a luncheon ceremony on May 16 in Milwaukee.

The honor, sponsored by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, recognizes the top members of the state's legal community. Recipients are recognized for achievement criteria including outstanding leadership, vision, legal expertise, and community impact.

In hearing of the award, Berkos said, "I am honored by this recognition. I hope it helps to highlight the value that defense attorneys, and public defenders in particular, do everyday to defend the rights for all of us."

Berkos has served as Chairman of the SPD Board since April 1987. As a solo practitioner based in Mauston, Wisconsin, Berkos accepts SPD private bar appointments as part of his practice. He is known for providing quality representation as well as his willingness to take on difficult cases.

State Public Defender Nicholas L. Chiarkas stated, "Dan's 21 years as Board Chair is a remarkable statement of his dedication to public service. He's a solid supporter of our agency and indigent defense."

"We are proud to call Dan Berkos the Chair of our Board, and thankful that this recognition will shine a light on Dan's unselfish dedication and achievements," added Chiarkas.

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