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[SPARTA WI] Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger announced today

Monroe County Assistant District Attorney Sarah Skiles Named Wisconsin's Assistant District Attorney of the Year

On November 02, 2023, Monroe County Assistant District Attorney, Sarah Skiles, was awarded the Wisconsin Assistant District Attorney of the Year. The award is given annually by the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, which is a group representing over 500 District Attorneys, Deputy District Attorneys, and Assistant District Attorneys across Wisconsin. The award is given to the Assistant District Attorney who provides the highest level of service in any given year. Competition for the award is strong, as there are more than 500 Assistant District Attorneys in the State of Wisconsin.

The award continues a long tradition of recognition for excellence in prosecution by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. The office has previously been recognized for prosecutorial excellence when District Attorney Kevin Croninger was named Prosecutor of the Year in 2020 and late Monroe County District Attorney Dan Cary was named Prosecutor of the Year in 2012.

Skiles was nominated for the award by Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger, along with strong support from Monroe County District Attorney Office Manager Lynn Kloety, staff of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, Monroe County Sheriff Wes Revels, City of Sparta Police Chief Emilee Nottestad and City of Tomah Police Chief Scott Holum.

Croninger state about Skiles, "Sarah is an exceptional prosecutor and an even better person. She has a unique combination of brilliant legal acumen, a deep drive to do the right thing, persuasive trial skills, and genuine care for the emotions of victims of crime. Sarah has put this unique blend of talent to work achieving the right results for victims of crime, often times in extremely difficult cases. As District Attorney and as a citizen of Monroe County, I am deeply grateful for the quality of service she provides to the people of Monroe County." Croninger pointed to several recent cases in which Assistant District Attorney Skiles unique skill set led to the right results for victims of crime including:

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State of Wisconsin v. Marcus W. Anderson, Monroe County Case 2019CF000353

Anderson beat and tortured a 3 year old child to death. District Attorney Croninger and Assistant District Attorney Skiles led the prosecution of Anderson. In April of 2022 after a 9 day jury trial, Anderson was convicted of 1st Degree Intentional Homicide of the 3 year old. Anderson was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

State of Wisconsin v. Thomas W. Aspseter, Monroe County Case 2021CF000415

Aspseter attacked three elderly individuals with an ax. During the attack Aspseter killed an 87 year old man, and severely wounded a 77 year old man and a 73 year old woman. Assistant District Attorney Skiles led the prosecution of Aspseter. Aspseter was convicted at jury trial of 1st Degree Intentional Homicide, two counts of Attempted 1st Degree Intentional Homicide, and two counts of Aggravated Battery. Aspseter was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

State of Wisconsin v. Brian P. Sanders, Monroe County Case 2022CF00065

Sanders sexually assaulted his teenage step-daughter. Assistant District Attorney Skiles led the prosecution of Sanders. Sanders was convicted at jury trial of 19 counts including, six counts of Incest with Child By Step-Parent, two counts of Child Enticement, six counts of Third Degree Sexual Assault and five counts of Exposing Genitals. . The defendant qualifies as a persistent repeater, so he will be sentenced to life in prison at the time of sentencing.

State of Wisconsin v. Anne Nelson-Koch, Monroe County Case 2022CF0000321

In this case the Defendant, who was a teacher, habitually and repeatedly engaged in sex acts with the victim who was one of her students. Assistant District Attorney Skiles led the prosecution of the case. The defendant was convicted of at trial 25 counts, including twelve counts of Second Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, four counts of Child Enticement, one count of Felony Intimidation of a Victim, eight counts of Exposing Genitals.



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