

# State Bar of Wisconsin: Statement on criminal justice package

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The State Bar of Wisconsin issued the following statement in response to the press conference today on criminal justice budget initiatives:

The State Bar strongly supports pay progression for assistant district attorneys and public defenders, an increase in the rate paid to private attorneys who take public defender cases, a rate that has remained stagnant since 1995, and additional financial resources for our court system. It's encouraging to see support for and recognition that funding for the criminal justice system has to increase. We have a crisis within our system that must be addressed within this budget cycle and we look forward to working with all parties during the upcoming legislative session.

- Christopher E. Rogers, President