

Gov. Evers: Appoints Zachary Leigh as Iowa County District Attorney

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced his appointment of Zachary Leigh to serve as Iowa County District Attorney. Gov. Evers' appointment fills a vacancy being created by District Attorney Matthew Allen's election to the Iowa County Circuit Court. Leigh will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term that ends January 2025. "Zachary Leigh is an excellent attorney who is committed to evidence-based decision making and will seek pragmatic solutions that protect and benefit the entire community," said Gov. Evers. "I have no doubt that he will be a great district attorney for Iowa County."

Since earning his law degree in 2014, Leigh has been an attorney with the State Public Defender's Office in both La Crosse and Lancaster. At various times, he has served as the sole public defender for Vernon County, Crawford County, Grant County, and Iowa County. Leigh helped to create both the Vernon County and Crawford County Treatment Courts, is currently a member of the Iowa County OWI and Drug Treatment Court, and was previously a member of the Grant County OWI Court. "It gives me comfort to know the DA's Office will be in good hands going forward," said Iowa County District Attorney Matthew Allen. "Zach is a smart, honest, hard-working lawyer with a tremendous knowledge of criminal law," said Grant County District Attorney Lisa Riniker. "He is sure to be a zealous advocate for victims of crimes and will hold offenders accountable for their actions. The people of Iowa County are fortunate to have him as their next district attorney."

Born and raised near Rewey, Leigh is a native of Iowa County and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and the University of Wisconsin Law School. This past semester, he taught environmental law at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and has also served as a mock trial coach at numerous high schools.

"I am honored to accept Governor Evers' appointment to serve as the Iowa County District

Attorney,” said Leigh. “I look forward to continuing to work closely with our excellent law enforcement agencies. I appreciate the foundation that has been established in the District Attorney’s Office and will keep advancing collaborations with our numerous community partners. Having been born and raised here, I care deeply about Iowa County and its people. I cannot wait to get to work for them.”

A photo of Leigh is available [here](#).