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State Bar of Wisconsin President Kathleen A. Brost issued the following statement regarding Governor Evers' budget address:

“A number of important policy priorities to the State Bar of Wisconsin are included in this budget proposal,” said President Brost. “Efforts to address racial injustice and to improve the criminal justice system are long overdue. We need a fresh look to ensure it is truly delivering justice for everyone involved. Proposals included in the Governor’s budget, such as juvenile court jurisdiction; expungement; investments in our prosecutors and public defenders’ office; and changes to community release programs, are common sense revisions and provide a good foundation for moving forward.”

Brost also noted the budget’s substantial increase in civil legal needs funding as a high priority for the State Bar. “With the ongoing pandemic, this investment will assist Wisconsinites with legal needs in resolving challenges with employment, housing, and veterans’ services.”

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