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Top Slot in State Bar Elections Goes to Attorney Margaret Hickey

Madison, WI – Margaret W. Hickey, Hickey & Poster S.C., Milwaukee, won the race for State Bar of Wisconsin president-elect on Friday, April 23, defeating Odalo J. Ohiku, Milwaukee Office of the City Attorney.

She will be the fourth consecutive woman to serve in that role, a first in State Bar history.

Hickey's term begins July 1, 2021 when Cheryl Daniels succeeds Kathy Brost as State Bar president.

Hickey said she appreciates the confidence that State Bar members have placed in her. "I will work very hard on behalf of all members," she said. "We have learned in this past year that we can pivot when needed."

"The Bar must be as flexible and responsive as we can be to our members. We must support younger members to develop into capable, ethical attorneys; promote diversity, equity and inclusion across our membership and in the justice system; and increase access to justice in Wisconsin," Hickey said. "As president-elect I will work diligently and passionately to achieve these goals."

In other State Bar races, Elizabeth Reeths of Kliner Kramer Shull, LLP, Wausau, was elected to a two-year term as treasurer and Margo S. Kirchner of the Wisconsin Justice Institute Inc., Milwaukee, won a three-year term as Judicial Council representative.

Those elected to serve two-year terms beginning July 1 as district representatives on the State Bar Board of Governors are:

District 1 (Jefferson, Kenosha & Walworth Counties)

- **Joseph M. Cardamone III**, Kenosha County Corporation Counsel, Kenosha

District 2 (Milwaukee County)

- **Elisabeth Townsend Bridge**, SmithAmundsen LLC, Milwaukee
- **Catarina A. Colón**, Husch Blackwell LLP, Milwaukee
- **Jennifer L. Johnson**, Legal Action of Wisconsin Inc., Milwaukee
- **Rochelle Johnson-Bent**, Milwaukee Public Schools
- **Thomas J. Pienkos**, SmithAmundsen LLC, Milwaukee
- **Amber Raffet August**, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee Inc., Milwaukee
- **Mary L. Schanning**, City of Milwaukee

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District 3 (Fond du Lac, Green Lake & Winnebago Counties)

- **Renee A. Read**, Remley Law S.C., Neenah

District 5 (Buffalo, Clark, Crawford, La Crosse, Jackson, Monroe, Pepin, Richland, Trempealeau, & Vernon Counties)

- **Emily G. Loe**, Hale, Skemp, Hanson, Skemp & Sleik, La Crosse

District 6 (Waukesha County)

- **John P. Macy**, Municipal Law & Litigation Group SC, Waukesha

District 7 (Adams, Columbia, Juneau, Marquette, Portage, Sauk, Waupaca, Waushara & Wood, Counties)

- **Stephen W. Sawyer**, Law Offices of Stephen W. Sawyer, Stevens Point

District 9 (Dane County)

- **Marisol González Castillo**, Hawks Quindel S.C., Madison
- **Alison E. Helland**, Boardman & Clark LLP, Madison
- **Corey G. Lorenz**, Habush Habush & Rottier S.C., Madison

District 11 (Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Iron, Lincoln, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, & Washburn Counties)

- **Johanna R. Kirk**, Kirk Law Office LLC, Superior

District 13 (Dodge, Ozaukee, & Washington Counties)

- **Robert G. Barrington**, Dodge County District Attorney's Office, Juneau

District 15 (Racine County)

- **Brian P. Dimmer**, Richards & Dimmer SC, Racine

All terms begin on July 1.

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