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Wisconsin senior lawyers honor Wausau attorney Dean R. Dietrich

MADISON, Wis. (April 22, 2024) – The [State Bar of Wisconsin](#) Senior Lawyers Division has announced that **Dean R. Dietrich**, immediate past president of the State Bar and attorney at Weld Riley, S.C. in Wausau, is the recipient of the 2025 Leonard L. Loeb Award.

This award honors senior lawyers who have significantly contributed to the legal community, upheld high ideals and personal character, and actively participated in initiatives to improve their communities and the legal profession.

Dietrich's legal career spans over four decades, focusing on municipal, employment, and professional responsibility law. He is a steadfast advocate for expanding legal services across Wisconsin, addressing the challenges of legal deserts in rural areas. His efforts aim to ensure that residents in all regions have access to essential legal representation.

Throughout his career, Dietrich has been actively involved with the State Bar of Wisconsin. He served as the 68th president from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and has held multiple leadership roles, including terms on the Board of Governors and as chair of the Committee on Professional Ethics. He also writes a lawyer ethics column for the State Bar's flagship magazine, *Wisconsin Lawyer*. His dedication to promoting civility, lawyer well-being, and professional development leaves a lasting impact on the legal community.

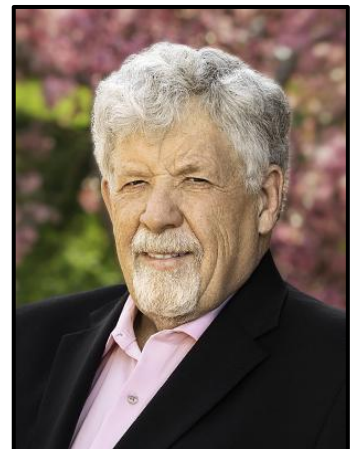
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The State Bar of Wisconsin is the integrated professional association, created by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, for attorneys who hold a Wisconsin law license. With more than 25,000 members, the State Bar aids the courts in improving the administration of justice, provides continuing legal education for its members to help them maintain their expertise, and assists Wisconsin lawyers in carrying out community service initiatives to educate the public about the legal system and the value of lawyers. For more information, visit www.wisbar.org.

Photo attached: Dean R. Dietrich, recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin 2025 Leonard L. Loeb Award

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Wausau attorney Dean R. Dietrich, recipient of the 2025 State Bar of Wisconsin Leonard L. Loeb Award, is recognized for his four-decade legal career and efforts to expand legal services in rural Wisconsin. (Photo courtesy of the State Bar of Wisconsin)