

# Press Release



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## Wausau's Ellen Pimentel recognized for lifetime commitment to public interest law

MADISON, Wis. (April 22, 2024) -- For over three decades, **Ellen M. Pimentel of Wausau** has championed the rights of marginalized communities across Wisconsin. Now, her unwavering dedication is recognized as she receives the **Outstanding Public Interest Law Attorney Award** from the State Bar of Wisconsin Public Interest Law Section.

The award honors attorneys who exemplify a lifetime commitment to public interest work, volunteerism beyond employment responsibilities, and selfless dedication to their communities.

Pimentel, a staff attorney with the Indian Law Office at [Judicare Legal Aid in Wausau](#), travels extensively to engage with all 11 Sovereign Tribes in Wisconsin, attending and conducting elder and health events to ensure tribal members have access to essential legal resources. Her extensive career also includes roles at Disability Rights Wisconsin, Legal Action of Wisconsin, and ABC for Health, Inc. Early in her career, she served as a bilingual social worker at Milwaukee's 16th Street Community Health Center.

Beyond her professional duties, she has volunteered with organizations such as The Arc Wisconsin and Repairers of the Breach Legal Clinic and has served on the board of directors for UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence.

Pimentel earned her Juris Doctor from Marquette University Law School in 2002 and holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Fluent in both English and Spanish, she enhances her ability to serve diverse populations.

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**Photo attached:** Ellen M. Pimentel, recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin 2025 Dan Tuchscherer Outstanding Public Interest Law Attorney Award

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Wausau attorney Ellen M. Pimentel, recipient of the 2025 Dan Tuchscherer Outstanding Public Interest Law Attorney Award, is recognized for her decades of service to marginalized communities, particularly through her work with Wisconsin's Sovereign Tribes. (Photo courtesy of the State Bar of Wisconsin)