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Kene O. Okocha Receives 2025 Nonresident Lawyers Division Founder's Award for Leadership and Commitment to Justice

MADISON, Wis. (April 24, 2025) -- The State Bar of Wisconsin Nonresident Lawyers Division (NRLD) has honored Kene O. Okocha with the 2025 Founder's Award, recognizing his exceptional service and leadership within the division and his significant contributions to the legal profession.

Okocha, a 2007 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to justice and the legal community. His dedication to the NRLD includes serving as both president and board member, as well as active involvement in the division's Washington, D.C., chapter.

Professionally, Okocha serves as a senior assistant U.S. attorney in the District of Columbia, where he has worked for over a decade. As deputy chief of the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section, he oversees and trains attorneys prosecuting critical cases involving sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Beyond his official duties, Okocha is a founding member of the D.C. Chapter of the National Black Prosecutors Association and has served on its executive board. He also chairs his section's Equitable Prosecution Working Group, leading initiatives to implement restorative justice practices and improve language access for crime victims.

The NRLD Founder's Award highlights the importance of active engagement by nonresident members in the State Bar's activities and acknowledges those who have made significant impacts in their communities and the legal profession at large.



Kene O. Okocha, a 2007 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, is the recipient of the 2025 State Bar of Wisconsin Nonresident Lawyer's Division Founder's Award. *Photo courtesy State Bar of Wisconsin*

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Photo attached: Kene O. Okocha is the recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin Nonresident Lawyers Division 2025 Founder's Award.

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