

Press Release



STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN
Leaders in the Law. Advocates for Justice.®

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Madison attorney recognized for helping those with nowhere else to turn

MADISON, Wis. (May 6, 2026) — For Madison attorney Naomi Swain, access to justice means meeting people where they are—often in moments of crisis—and helping them navigate complex legal challenges.

That work has earned Swain, of Hawks Quindel, S.C., the State Bar of Wisconsin’s 2026 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award.

Presented by the State Bar’s Legal Assistance Committee, the award recognizes dedication to serving low-income individuals and advancing innovative approaches to volunteer legal services.

Swain volunteers with the Dane County Bar Association Family Law Assistance Center and the Sunshine Legal Clinic, providing legal support to individuals facing difficult circumstances.

“She provides compassionate, practical legal help to individuals facing difficult and often overwhelming circumstances,” said the committee. “She approaches this work with empathy, patience, and a deep respect for the people she serves. Her earlier volunteer work with the Rape Crisis Center hotline and the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault reflects a long-term dedication to supporting survivors and advancing equity.”

“Beyond direct service, Naomi gives back through leadership and education, including her service on the boards of YWCA Madison and the Legal Association for Women, and her work with the State Bar’s Labor and Employment Section. She leads by example and consistently goes above and beyond to make the legal system more accessible and humane,” the committee noted.

###

ABOUT THE STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN

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, and assists Wisconsin lawyers in carrying out community service initiatives to educate the public about the legal system and the value of lawyers.

CONTACT

Mike Wiltse, PR Manager, 608-250-6025 or mwiltse@wisbar.org



Naomi Swain of Hawks Quindel, S.C., Madison, is the recipient of the 2026 State Bar of Wisconsin Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award. (Photo courtesy of the State Bar of Wisconsin)