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## Milwaukee's Meagan Winn earns statewide award for eviction system reforms

**MADISON, Wis. (May 6, 2026)** — Meagan Winn, a Milwaukee County legal professional who has helped improve how eviction cases are handled, has been named the recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin Public Interest Law Section's Ryan Klesh Outstanding Public Interest Legal Worker Award.

Winn currently serves as coordinator of the Milwaukee County Eviction Diversion Initiative.

Winn developed two initiatives for Milwaukee County that improved how eviction cases are handled. She led the creation of a new administrative case seal process that eliminated a months-long backlog in Milwaukee courts.

She also helped implement an online dispute resolution program that encourages landlords and tenants to resolve cases ahead of their court date.

The award recognizes an individual who reflects the legacy of the late Ryan Klesh through selflessness, work ethic, kindness, intellect, authenticity, and humor in pursuing justice for low-income individuals and communities.

"Through her work, Winn has been an agent for change to benefit both tenants and small landlords in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court," her nominators said.

"Meagan is a model of tenacity on behalf of the people she serves," the committee said, "advocating for and implementing improvements while navigating a system that struggles with change."

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