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## Virginia attorney honored for shaping Wisconsin legal community from afar

**MADISON, Wis. (May 7, 2026)** — A Virginia attorney who has helped shape Wisconsin’s legal community from afar has been honored with one of the State Bar of Wisconsin’s top awards.

Melodie Wiseman, Reston, Virginia, has received the Nonresident Lawyers Division Founder’s Award, which recognizes a nonresident State Bar member who has brought positive change to the division and has actively participated in State Bar activities for many years.

Wiseman is a past president of the Nonresident Lawyers Division and former chair of the State Bar Board of Governors.

“She remains highly active in promoting the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Nonresident Lawyers Division, regularly contributing her legal writing skills and time to further their missions,” according to her nominators.

Wiseman is a natural and impactful mentor, her nominators said. “Her guidance is thoughtful, generous, and empowering. She leads by example, offering support and encouragement while helping others grow with confidence and clarity.”

“Melodie’s sustained service, leadership, and genuine investment in people embody the values of the Founder’s Award, making her truly deserving of this award,” they said.

The Nonresident Lawyers Division serves State Bar members who live outside Wisconsin, supporting engagement, professional development, and connection to the Wisconsin legal community.

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*Melodie Wiseman of Reston, Virginia, is the recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin’s Nonresident Lawyers Division Founder’s Award for her leadership, mentorship, and years of service to the organization. Photo courtesy State Bar of Wisconsin.*