

Nicole Porter – President-Elect

Department of Administration Division of Legal Services, Madison, Wisconsin

Since July 2023 I have served on Board of Directors for the Government Lawyers Division. I feel that my work is not yet done for the GLD and I am seeking election to the position of president-elect.

My position as staff counsel to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), in conjunction with my past experience in public sector HR policy work, has given me insight into the interplay of multiple areas that impact all levels of government lawyering, including legislation, administrative rules, guidance, enforcement and application. I bring a unique perspective of government lawyering from an enterprise viewpoint that I believe is valuable to the GLD.

In my current position, I serve as attorney of record in adversarial administrative proceedings, primarily involving a broad scope of employment matters. I also provide general legal advice and assistance to the DOA secretary, and multiple levels of DOA leadership on all matters and programs for which the department is responsible. Finally, I render legal advice and general legal assistance regarding public records and open meetings.

Prior to joining the legal team in DOA, I spent approximately 10 years working in public sector human resources. I served as the policy advisor for the State's central human resources agency, researching, writing and implementing policies that govern all state agencies and employees. This position allowed me to not only participate in the direct application of, but also affect, enterprise policies.

I am excited about the opportunity to bring my experience and perspective to the GLD. Thank you for your consideration.



JC Moore – Director, Incumbent

Milwaukee County Courts, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

For the last two years, I have worked to assist government lawyers with their needs by serving as a member of the board. I have participated in or organized training events in areas specific to government lawyers, educated law students about the varied career paths government lawyers have and worked with the bar to pursue legislative changes which benefit our practice. There is still however much to be done. As a court commissioner for over 10 years I continue to see a shortage of qualified lawyers to address the needs of parties in criminal and civil courts. These shortages are exacerbated by tight budgets at all levels of government and cuts to the legal services corporation and other funding sources on the federal level specifically. This manifests in long delays for parties and victims alike, pro se litigants who are forced to go it alone and potentially overlook important legal issues and increased demands on the courts and judiciary who have to make it all work while also ensuring justice and public safety. If re-elected, I will continue my efforts to address these problems and help government lawyers receive the support they deserve.



Michael Duchek – Director

Legislative Reference Bureau, Madison, Wisconsin

Mike Duchek serves as a senior legislative attorney Legislative Reference Bureau. In that role, he drafts legislation on matters including administrative law, professional licensing, unemployment insurance, and worker’s compensation. In addition, he also oversees the publication of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and Register and is active in the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Administrative Code and Register (ACR) section. He also works on the publication and revision of the Wisconsin statutes. He additionally enjoys researching Wisconsin law, including on topics including administrative law and the history of courts and supreme court rule making in Wisconsin.

Mike received his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law school in 2008 and his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2005, for which he majored in political science and German.

Mike lives in Verona and, in his free time, volunteers with the North Country Trail Association and enjoys spending time indoors and outdoors with his family.



Danielle M. Kranz – Director

La Crosse County Assistant District Attorney, La Crosse, Wisconsin

William Mitchell College of Law - J.D. (2008)

University of Wisconsin – Madison - B.A. (2003)

Indianhead Community Action Agency - Staff Attorney/Legal Assistance for Victims - 2011 - 2013

Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin – Sensitive Crimes Prosecutor - 2013 - 2015

Monroe County – Sensitive Crimes Prosecutor - 2016 - 2020

La Crosse County – Major Crimes Prosecutor - 2020 to present

State Bar of Wisconsin Young Lawyers Division (SBWYLD) Board Member - 2012 - 2019

- Treasurer - 2016

- President-Elect - 2017

- President - 2018

- Past-President/BOG Representative - 2019

I am eager to return to service for the lawyers of Wisconsin through the Government Lawyers Division (GLD).

I have previously served on the SBWYLD Board between 2012 and 2019. During this time, I was working in rural areas of Wisconsin. In 2016, I began my career with the State, again working in rural area before transferring to La Crosse in 2020. I have personally witnessed the challenges facing rural practitioners and the impacts that has on the criminal justice system.

It would be a privilege to return to service through the GLD, I hope to continue the work started by the State Bar and individuals across the state to attract and retain attorneys to rural Wisconsin, as well as to attract lawyers to help address the constitutional crisis our criminal courts are currently facing. I look forward to your support!



Erica Karen López – Director

Dane County, Madison, Wisconsin

As Director, Erica Lopez wishes to support the unique needs of government attorneys for continuing education. She's serves Dane County attorneys as an Employee Group Representative. Sharing expertise is especially vital, as government attorneys are now often involved in complex litigation and politicized policy positions involving the federal government.

After graduating from Yale University, Erica conducted research on immigration and education, as a research assistant and Bush Fellow at the Center for Child Development and Social Policy at Yale University. Before matriculating into University of Wisconsin Law School as an Advanced Opportunity Fellow, she worked at Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton and at the founding site for the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnerships at Boston Medical Center.

For over a decade, she was a public benefits and housing eviction attorney at Legal Action of Wisconsin Inc. She was the inaugural Clinical Instructor of the Eviction Defense Clinic (EDC) at the Economic Justice Institute at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She was Executive Director of The Peoples Law Center | Centro de Derecho de la Gente, a pandemic project, focusing on representing marginalized and undocumented people in housing civil matters. She is currently at the Dane County Corporation Counsel's office focusing her work on Affordable Housing and General Civil Litigation.



Maddison Stallman – Director

United States Navy JAG Corps, Great Lakes, IL

Maddison Stallman’s interest in the Government Lawyers Division Board stems from her career as a public servant, with a particular interest in helping the vulnerable populations. Before law school, Maddison worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs as part of a research team developing better treatment plans for veterans with heart disease. She discovered her passion was for advocacy rather than medicine, and attended University of Wisconsin Law School, where she continued public service working both for the State and Federal Defenders in Wisconsin. After graduating, she clerked for the Honorable Judge Toth on the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims before commissioning with the United States Navy JAG Corps, where she now serves as Defense Counsel representing Sailors through court-martial and administrative separations processes. She is currently stationed at Naval Station Great Lakes—the Quarter Deck of the Navy—advocating for the rights of our most junior Sailors. While the Navy may change her address, Wisconsin will always be home. She hopes to serve on the Board to be a resource to students and attorneys interested in pursuing a career in public interest, as well as advocating for the issues junior attorneys face in the public interest space.

