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State Bar Recognizes Journalists with Golden Gavel Award

Madison, WI – The State Bar of Wisconsin applauds the recipients of the *2016 Golden Gavel Awards* for their important contributions to the public's understanding of our system of law and justice.

This year's *Golden Gavel* winners are:

Shereen Siewert
USA Today Wisconsin- Post Crescent
for "What's the Price of Justice"

Jamie Taylor
The Northwoods River News
for the Wolf Trial Series

Andrew LaCombe
WLUK-TV
for "Daily Fantasy Sports Sites"

Gregory Shaver
The Journal Times
for photography for "40 Years for Murder"

"Journalists play a crucial role in helping the public understand the justice system and appreciate our system of law," said Attorney Megan McDermott, co-chair of the State Bar's Media Law Subcommittee. "Winners of the Gavel Award have exemplified excellence in reporting, by going beyond the headlines to thoroughly explain tough subjects to their readers in an accurate and compelling manner. On behalf of the legal profession, we thank these journalists for a job well done."

Golden Gavel Certificates of Commendation are going to:

Sari Lesk, Pete Wasson, and Lauren French
USA Today Network- Stevens Point Journal
for "Marijuana Decriminalization Spreads Across Wisconsin"

Jamie Taylor
The Northwoods River News
for "Long Serving Prosecutor Set to Step Away"

The winners in the Print Media/Newspaper/Photography categories of the competition are being recognized at the [Wisconsin Newspaper Association's](#) convention in Madison Thursday, Feb. 23. The winner of the Broadcast category will be presented at the [Wisconsin Broadcaster's Association Convention](#) on June 15.

The State Bar of Wisconsin created the *Golden Gavel Awards* competition in 1985. Visit the State Bar's [Newsroom](#) or email GoldenGavel@wisbar.org to learn more.

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