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Jill Karofsky, Executive Director of Wisconsin DOJ's Office of Crime Victim Services, Receives Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault's *Voices of Courage Award*

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WISCONSIN DELLS, WI – The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) presented Jill Karofsky, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Crime Victim Services, with its Voices of Courage Award.

The award, one of WCASA's highest honors, "recognizes individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to ending sexual violence" and was presented at WCASA's annual Voices of Courage luncheon.

One of Jill Karofsky's peers submitted the following in recommending Karofsky for the *Voices of Courage Award*:

"Jill Karofsky has dedicated her career to ensuring that sexual assault survivors are treated with dignity and respect when they engage with the criminal justice system. Whether on a local level as a deputy district attorney, or on a statewide level...Jill is a fierce champion for survivors and their rights as crime victims. Jill knows the gravity of the issues at hand for sexual assault survivors....She is passionate, determined, and tenacious and will use her experience, her influence, and her opportunities to shine the light on violence against women issues in any forum. Jill Karofsky is a force to be reckoned with in these most admirable of ways."

Jill Karofsky joined the Department of Justice in 2010 as an assistant attorney general and Wisconsin's first Violence against Women Resource Prosecutor. Since 2011, she has served as Executive Director of the Office of Crime Victim Services. In that role, she works with partners in law enforcement, advocacy organizations, and policy makers to enhance services to victims through training and public policy initiatives. In addition, the Office oversees state and federal funding to programs that assist victims of crime understand and exercise their rights.

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She also currently serves on The Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse, the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Response Team, and Wisconsin's Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board. In addition, Karofsky is an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She has taught Trial Advocacy and is currently teaching a course she developed called Victims in the Criminal Justice System.

Karofsky began her legal career in the Dane County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney and then Deputy District Attorney, specializing in prosecuting crimes involving women and child victims.

She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D.) and LaFollette School of Public Affairs (M.A.) Karofsky's undergraduate degree is from Duke University.

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