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MILWAUKEE BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Milwaukee, WI – June 6, 2016 -The Milwaukee Bar Association (MBA) is pleased to announce Sarah Martis as its new executive director. Martis brings more than a decade of non-profit experience to the MBA. Most recently, she served as the director of client services for Association Acumen, LLC, a Milwaukee-based firm specializing in guiding the organizational evolution of non-profit organizations. At Association Acumen, Martis additionally served as the executive director for the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies and Women in Ophthalmology. Martis will begin her new position at the MBA on June 6, 2016.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Bar Association, I am delighted to welcome Sarah Martis as the new executive director,” said Board President Marcia Facey Drame. “Her passion, enthusiasm, and demonstrated leadership in non-profit management are key elements that will move the MBA forward in our mission to serve the interests of the lawyers, judges and the people of Milwaukee County.”

As executive director of the MBA, Martis will oversee an organization comprised of nearly 2,000 lawyers and judges that promotes the professional interests of the local bench and bar; encourages collegiality, public service and professionalism on the part of the lawyers of Southeastern Wisconsin; improves access to justice for those living and working in Milwaukee County; supports the courts in the administration of justice; and increases public awareness of the crucial role that the law plays in the lives of the people of Milwaukee County.

“It’s an honor to join the Milwaukee Bar Association—the passion for the mission is apparent in the organization’s leadership and I look forward to working with them and the membership to build upon the solid foundation the MBA has laid as an integral part of the Milwaukee community and justice system.”

Martis studied international business and Spanish at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI and received her Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential in 2010. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry. Less than 5% of all association professionals have achieved this mark of excellence. She is also a member of the Wisconsin Society of Association Executives and the American Society of Association Executives.

The Milwaukee Bar Association is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization promoting the professional interests of lawyers, and improving access to justice for the people of Southeastern Wisconsin.

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