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State Bar honors Madison resident with Diversity Trailblazer Award

Madison, WI – Iris Christenson of Madison is this year’s recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin Diversity & Inclusion Trailblazer Award. The award, from the Diversity & Inclusion Oversight Committee, celebrates an individual who contributes to and enhances diversity and inclusion within the Wisconsin legal profession.

In numerous ways throughout her career, Iris has modeled an inclusive practice and promoted diversity and inclusion among her peers and the State Bar of Wisconsin.

In her 30-plus year legal career, Christenson has served and represented hundreds of clients, many of whom were from underrepresented populations, such as racial minorities, women, LGBT individuals, immigrants, and individuals who are elderly or disabled.



“Iris champions clients who need a voice in a society that often marginalizes them,” says her nominators.

Now retired, Christenson continues to volunteer for legal services for ethnic and racial minorities through the immigration and refugee program of the Catholic Multicultural Center in Madison. In this program, Iris helps individuals from different countries, such as Syria, Mexico, and Afghanistan, navigate various legal issues.

She will receive her award at the State Bar’s Annual Meeting and Convention on June 20 in Green Bay.

ATTACHED PHOTO: Iris Christensen of Madison is the recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Diversity Trailblazer Award. She will be recognized at the organization's Annual Meeting & Conference in June.

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