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Perreault Receives the 2008 Hotline Attorney of the Year Award

MADISON, WI (May 7, 2009)— Michele L. Perreault, an associate family law attorney with DeWitt Ross & Stevens in Madison, received the 2008 Hotline Attorney of the Year Award. The State Bar of Wisconsin presented this service award to Perreault at the Volunteer Lawyers Recognition Celebration, on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center in conjunction with the State Bar of Wisconsin's Annual Convention.

The Lawyer Hotline Program is a public service component of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service that has been in operation for more than 20 years. Hotline attorney volunteers answer simple legal questions over the phone, allowing callers to better assess whether they wish to hire a lawyer or use the resource information provided to them. People who call the LRIS are often referred to the Hotline when they need a general explanation of the law. Most Hotline questions include topics attorneys address in the general practice of law, including landlord/tenant, small claims, and consumer issues.

Each year, the LRIS committee recognizes an individual attorney or law firm which has provided long-term, continuous service to the Lawyer Hotline program. Many of the participating attorneys, including Attorney Michele Perreault, have been active in Lawyer Hotline since its beginnings. Perreault is the coordinating attorney for the Hotline volunteers at DeWitt, Ross & Stevens, and fields calls on scheduled Hotline callback times. She has also been willing to step in and make calls to cover for colleagues with last minute emergencies. The Hotline program is successful largely due to the consistent, continued work of volunteers like Perreault.

Also acknowledged in participating in the program were DeWitt Ross & Stevens associate attorneys; Kathleen E. Diehl, Chad R. Gendreau, Jeff A. Goldman, Lori A. Hickman, D. Alexander Martin, Brody C. Richter, and Sara E. Spiering.

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