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CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS OF MICHIGAN ELECT NEW LEADER

MI—Members of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan

(CDAM) elected a new president, Elizabeth A. LaCosse, from Marquette.

LaCosse has been part of CDAM's leadership for more than eight years and noted that it is exciting to be president at this pivotal time.

Said LaCosse, "Decades of work and dedication by many people has culminated in significant changes in indigent criminal defense." She continued, "While our work in indigent defense is vital, we will continue to offer all of Michigan's criminal defense attorneys top notch education, networking opportunities, and mentoring to our newer members. Our hard work in Lansing will also remain steadfast as we uphold the Constitution and provide a voice for those accused of a crime."

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Karl P. Numinen (Marquette) was elected First Vice President; Nicole Smith (Detroit) was elected Second Vice President; Rhonda B. Ives (Coldwater) was re-elected Treasurer; and Arthur Jay Weiss (Farmington Hills) was elected Secretary.

Danial W. Grow (St. Joseph); Victor Mansour (Farmington Hills); and Steven I. Moss (Southfield) were elected to At-Large three-year terms. Nadine Hatten (Troy) and John Holmes (Bloomfield Hills) were elected to At-Large two-year terms.

William Swor (Detroit) was re-elected District 1 Representative; Takura Nyamfukudza (Lansing) was elected District 2 Representative; and Patrick Cherry (Cadillac) was elected District 3 Representative.

CDAM is Michigan's leading criminal defense organization whose mission is to promote expertise in criminal law; to educate the bench, bar and public of the need for quality and integrity in defense services and representation; to promote enlightened thought concerning alternatives to the present criminal justice system; and to guard against erosion of the rights and privileges guaranteed by the United States and Michigan Constitutions and laws.

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To schedule an interview with CDAM President LaCosse, please call CDAM at 517-579-0533.