



Thursday, July 10, 2008

## AGENDA

10:10 a.m. **Introduction to the day**

*James Shonkwiler*

10:15 a.m. **Welcoming remarks**

*Charles Koop, president, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan*  
*Laura Sager, director, Campaign for Justice*

10:25 a.m. **Introduction of moderators**

*Janet Welch, executive director, State Bar of Michigan*  
*Nancy Diehl, chief of trials, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office*

10:30 a.m. **Wisconsin's statewide public defender system**

View from the defense:

*Nicholas Chiarkas, director, Wisconsin State Public Defender Office*  
*Kelli Thompson, deputy director, Wisconsin State Public Defender Office*

View from the prosecution:

*John Chisholm, Milwaukee County District Attorney*

11:30 a.m. **Questions and Answers**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch break**

12:30 p.m. **Working together for solutions – joint diversion programs in Wisconsin**

**Discussion**

2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**NICHOLAS L. CHIARKAS** is the Director of Wisconsin's State Public Defender Agency. Under his leadership, the agency received three consecutive awards for excellence. In addition, he is the founder of *Justice Without Borders*, is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and was a visiting lecturer in law at Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen, Germany.

Previously Mr. Chiarkas served as the Deputy Chief Counsel and Research Director to the President's Commission on Organized Crime; Deputy Chief Counsel to the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; Professor of Law; Professor of Criminology; and a New York City Police Officer. Mr. Chiarkas worked with Israel in establishing its first National Public Defender Agency; with Japan as it introduced a public defender system; with the U.S. Department of Justice in examining indigent defense in the United States, including New Orleans following Katrina; and with the NLADA in assessing defense services in Oakland County, Michigan, and Hamilton County, Ohio.

In 1996, Mr. Chiarkas became the nation's first public defender to receive the "Law Enforcement Commendation Medal" awarded by The Sons of the American Revolution. In 2002, Nick received the Outstanding Professional Award by the Wisconsin Law Foundation.



**JOHN CHISHOLM** is the District Attorney of Milwaukee County. His office handles criminal cases for the State of Wisconsin in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court. Prior to being elected as Milwaukee County District Attorney, he was an Assistant Milwaukee County District Attorney, responsible for violent crime, drug, and firearm prosecutions. He has recently reorganized his office to work closely with neighborhoods and expanded the Community Prosecution program.

Governor Doyle recently appointed Mr. Chisholm to the Racial Disparities Oversight Commission. He also serves on the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission and Safe & Sound board, and chairs the Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area board.