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Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic
Chair, Milwaukee Public Safety and Health Committee
200 East Wells Street
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Dear Ald. Dimitrijevic,

Leon Todd is a talented Public Defender attorney in the Milwaukee Office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Appellate Division. Attorney Todd has integrity and a deep knowledge of the law.

Since Attorney Todd joined our staff in January 2014, he's taken on increasingly complicated cases defending indigent clients on appeal in criminal, termination of parental rights and mental health commitment issues.


Attorney Todd has argued before the Wisconsin Supreme Court on multiple occasions, developing legal briefs that showcase his advocacy for clients and knowledge of the law. His briefs and arguments have resulted in the creation of significant new case law and precedent.

Attorney Todd's leadership doesn't stop in the courtroom. He had a significant role in ensuring diversity within the State Public Defender's Office by participating in new attorney interviews and guiding discussions on race at our annual conferences.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Leon has deep roots in Milwaukee and understands the challenges the city faces. Attorney Todd's knowledge of the criminal legal system and his professional dedication to due process and treating people as individual's deserving of dignity and respect would serve the city and the Police and Fire Commission well.

We would be sorry to lose his skills and experience. But I am confident that our loss would be a significant gain for the City of Milwaukee.

Sincerely,



Kelli Thompson
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