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**AG Schimel Statement Regarding Wisconsin State Bar Association WisLAP  
Volunteer Award Being Given to Convicted Felon**

MADISON, Wis. – Upon learning about the Wisconsin State Bar Association’s recognition of convicted felon, Stephan Addison, the 2018 Jack DeWitt WisLAP Volunteer Award nominee, Attorney General Brad Schimel released the following statement.

“Last week, Wisconsin recognized National Crime Victims’ Rights Week and throughout the month of April, we have been recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month. There’s been so much progress in recent years to foster a criminal justice system that welcomes sexual assault survivors and other crime victims. What type of message is the Wisconsin State Bar Association sending to the state and survivors of sexual assault by honoring a man convicted of second degree recklessly endangering safety and two counts of misdemeanor sexual gratification for a 2005 sexual assault? This is a terrible lapse in judgment and Mr. Addison’s nomination should be pulled. He does not deserve to have his name listed alongside the 15 other distinguished attorneys and judges nominated this year.”

The criminal complaint and probable cause statement setting forth the facts leading to the charges and conviction in this case are attached.