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**AG Schimel Appoints New Training and Standards Bureau Director
Michael Akselrud**

MADISON, Wis. – Today, AG Schimel announced the promotion of Michael Akselrud to Director of the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Training and Standards Bureau (T&S). Akselrud has been a Compliance Officer at DOJ for nearly three years, after serving more than two decades as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

“Mike has tremendous experience in making sure that people who keep us safe have the training, resources and support they need to do their jobs well, due to his more than 20 years in the military,” said AG Schimel. “That experience and drive for excellence are going to serve Wisconsin law enforcement well, just like they served our military well.”

During his time in the Marine Corps, Akselrud authored the branch’s policy on casualty procedures, recognition of special operations, and assignment to external government agencies. He also developed training and logistical support for more than 500 Marines to build a military police capability prior to deployment in Iraq. In addition, Akselrud developed online and pre-deployment training for more than 200,000 Marines.

T&S works closely with criminal justice partners to coordinate and implement specialized training for Wisconsin law enforcement, jail and secure detention officers. The Certification and Curriculum program section of the bureau assists the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) in promoting and supporting quality training and in establishing and maintaining professional standards. The Justice Programs section of the bureau facilitates the implementation of effective, data driven criminal justice and juvenile justice policies and practices that maximize

justice and the safety of the public through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission.

The former director of T&S, Tony Barthuly, was promoted earlier this year to Administrator of the Division of Law Enforcement Services.