

Wisconsin Attorney Lauren Stuckert Becomes Board Certified in DUI Defense, Joining Her Partner as the Only ABA-Recognized DUI Specialists in the State

Mishlove & Stuckert now has both of the state's only board certified DUI Defense Law Specialists, further enhancing their winning track record and successes in the field.

Milwaukee, WI (PRWEB) August 30, 2016 -- Law firm Mishlove and Stuckert is pleased to announce that attorney Lauren Stuckert has become a Board Certified Specialist in DUI Defense Law. As the consequences of a DUI OWI conviction become more devastating, it is crucial that attorneys in this field receive the specific training and acquire the knowledge needed to properly defend these complex cases, and to give their clients a fair shot at real justice.

Attorney Stuckert is one of only two lawyers in the state of Wisconsin to receive this accredited specialization; her law partner attorney Andrew Mishlove is the other. There are fewer than 60 attorneys nationwide to hold the DUI Specialist board certification, and Lauren Stuckert is currently the youngest attorney among them. The DUI Defense Law Certification is conferred by the National College for DUI Defense (NCDD).

The NCDD is the only organization accredited by the American Bar Association to grant board certification and specialization in DUI defense law. Further, the certification program is the only one recognized and accredited by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in meeting all rules and requirements put forth by the Supreme Court in order for practitioners to hold themselves out as DUI specialists.

The NCDD strictly adheres to all certification requirements set by its Board, which includes very high trial and practice experience standards, defense community standing, and demonstrated mastery of knowledge through examination. The rigorous program also stays on top of forensic sciences in the field. To receive certification, candidates must pass oral and written examinations on intoxication test evidence, medical aspects of alcohol, DWI detection and field sobriety testing, chromatography, and blood-drug analysis including blood gas chemistry and concepts such as 'salting out.'

"It's a hard, hard exam," says <u>Attorney Stuckert</u>. "I'm glad I did it, because now when I assert that the science is very important to my case, I can do so with a lot more authority."

The many facets now involved in OWI defense make it analogous to complex practice areas such as medical malpractice. And, even on a first-offense DUI case, the stakes are enormous when those who stand accused depend on driving for a living, or on maintaining a professional license and reputation.

Serious charges involving injuries or death demand not only the highest level of advocacy, but also access to expert resources and litigation skills. Because Mishlove and Stuckert take on these types of cases, it was only logical that Attorney Stuckert join her partner in becoming a board-certified DUI Specialist.

"OWI with injury cases require using the science of accident reconstruction as well as the scientific issues in alcohol testing," explains Attorney Stuckert. Reconstruction science is part of the DUI Specialist certification as well. "We do a really good job at raising reasonable doubt in serious injury cases and going after the prosecution with all of the science involved."



Lauren is one of the leading defense attorneys in the United States in the field of DUID. Her law partner describes her expertise in the area of <u>drugged driving</u>: "She has a history of successfully challenging substandard blood-drug lab analyses. Wisconsin is a state that prohibits any detectable amount of certain drugs like cocaine or marijuana —whether or not you are driving impaired. This law makes being able to effectively challenge drug screening lab tests of the utmost importance."

Attorney Stuckert has had tremendous success with winning drugged driving cases involving low levels of THC, despite Wisconsin's "any measureable amount" standard. She has worked directly with the scientist who developed the methodology for testing THC in blood, and is able to pinpoint mistakes that the lab technicians make in the testing process and effectively cross-examine those technicians in evidentiary hearings and trials. Following her first marijuana trial victory in 2012, the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene made several improvements to its THC blood testing process. "It was incredibly rewarding to see a Wisconsin lab actually initiate changes in its testing process after having its mistakes revealed in trial. We want the technicians to be doing careful work and better science. When labs have outdated or improper procedures in place, that leads to wrongful convictions."

As an involved advocate, Lauren takes her advanced training to defense communities by teaching DUI forensics and trial strategy to other lawyers. She also welcomes questions on DUI strategy and defense from all practitioners, and always makes time to answer any questions she can from her colleagues who are handling a DUI / OWI matter. She encourages any attorney having a question about DUI forensics, strategy or general law to call or email her at any time.

On her law partner and their firm's mission, Lauren says: "We are very much in the fight for justice. Our devotion to DUI defense comes from our instinctive nature to defend people from injustice and to protect their freedoms. We do this at the highest level possible and try to continuously better ourselves, as well as the systems involved in DUI matters."

About Mishlove and Stuckert

Mishlove and Stuckert is the only law firm in Wisconsin to have two attorneys who are Board Certified Specialists in DUI Defense Law. Partners <u>Andrew Mishlove</u> and Lauren Stuckert have received the most thorough analytic chemistry training for lawyers practicing in the field of DUI-OWI defense. They have represented thousands of clients in complex DUI and DUID cases, including DUI homicide, DUI with injuries, and commercial and CDL cases.



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