School Discipline Webinar - Presenter Biographies

Eileen Fredericks is a staff attorney with the Wisconsin State Public Defender (SPD) in the Madison trial office, where she represents clients in the Youth and Mental Health unit. In addition to her trial practice, Eileen serves as the SPD's Youth Defense Practice Coordinator. In this role, she designs and facilitates specialized training in juvenile law and serves as a statewide resource for public defenders handling youth cases across Wisconsin. Deeply committed to systemic youth advocacy, Eileen is a member of The Gault Center's (formerly the National Juvenile Defender Center) National Advisory Board and co-directs the Gault Center's Great Lakes Regional Advisory Board. Eileen earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, holds a Master of Social Work (MSW), and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Her dual background in law and social work informs her holistic, client-centered approach to youth advocacy.

Paisley Hoffman represents clients throughout Wisconsin in complex criminal defense, juvenile, and family law matters. Her criminal practice focuses on defending adults and juveniles accused of serious felony offenses, including child abuse allegations, sexual assault charges, homicide, and firearm-related crimes. Paisley represents young clients in school discipline proceedings, including expulsion and Title IX investigations. In addition to criminal defense, Paisley maintains a robust family law practice, handling matters such as divorce, paternity, and post judgment custody and placement disputes. Paisley holds a Master of Social Work with a concentration in mental health, which enhances her ability to understand family dynamics and interpersonal relationships.