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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today his appointment of Kat Turner to serve as Waupaca County District Attorney. The appointment fills a vacancy being created by District Attorney Veronica Isherwood's resignation. Turner will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term that ends January 2025.



“Kat Turner is an experienced attorney who is invested in and committed to the future of her community,” said Gov. Evers. “Her dedication and integrity will make her an excellent district attorney for the people of Waupaca County.”

Turner is currently an assistant district attorney in the Waupaca County District Attorney's Office. She began her legal career with the Palm Beach County Public Defender's Office in Florida. After moving to Wisconsin in 2011, she joined the Wisconsin State Public Defender's

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Office, first in Oshkosh and later in Stevens Point. As an assistant state public defender in the Stevens Point office, she practiced in Waupaca County and served as a panel member for the Waupaca County Treatment Court. She was also the immigration practice group coordinator, providing guidance to attorneys regarding the confluence of criminal and immigration law. Turner joined the Waupaca County District Attorney's Office in February 2022, where she has prosecuted criminal and traffic matters.

"I have had professional contact with Attorney Kat Turner in her current role as assistant district attorney as well as a public defender," said Chief Brian Hoelzel of the Waupaca Police Department. "She is highly competent, and Waupaca has benefitted from having her as an assistant district attorney. As the next district attorney, I know she will be a strong advocate for victims and the public while treating adversaries with fairness and respect. She will, no doubt, continue the high standards of ethics and positive relationships with our agency that we currently enjoy."

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"I am honored to accept the appointment by Governor Evers to serve as district attorney for Waupaca County," said Turner. "I look forward to growing partnerships with community stakeholders and law enforcement, building upon those established by the office. As I begin my new role as district attorney, I am committed to serving my neighbors in Waupaca County in pursuing justice."