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**Press Release**

**Eva Soeka Selected as a 2008 Wisconsin “Leader in the Law”**

Marquette University’s College of Professional Studies is pleased to announce that Professor Eva M. Soeka, director of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution and the Center for Dispute Resolution Education, was selected for the *Wisconsin Law Journal’s* “Leaders in the Law” award. She was honored at an awards dinner on May 16 and was profiled in a special *Wisconsin Law Journal* publication on May 19. This award recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to the practice of law and the community at large.

Achievements

Eva has designed numerous dispute resolution curricula and systems, including:

- Founded Marquette’s Center for Dispute Resolution Education;
- Designed the curriculum for the graduate certificate and master’s degree in dispute resolution;
- Designed the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Clergy Sexual Abuse Mediation System and the Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System;
- Consulted with the Midwest Express Center, Miller Stadium, and the Marquette Interchange Project on dispute resolution issues;
- Designed and implemented the first training program in the nation with the Milwaukee Fire Department and the Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Association Local 215 to train firefighters on culture competency and conflict;
- Served as chair of the drafting committee of Wisconsin’s alternative dispute resolution statutes; and
- Designed and presented a seminar for African leaders sponsored by USAID on public policy disputes.

“This was a very unexpected honor, but one that I value since it was awarded by my colleagues,” Professor Soeka said.

Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution

Marquette’s Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution seeks to train professionals, primarily those in the fields of law, health care, education and business to practice as third party neutrals in the field of dispute resolution, or to be knowledgeable participants in the dispute resolution process. The program offers a 15-credit graduate certificate in dispute resolution and a 33-credit master’s degree in dispute resolution. For more information, call 414-288-5535 or visit [www.marquette.edu/disputeres](http://www.marquette.edu/disputeres).

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