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Subject: **Eight Attorneys Named Certified Criminal Law Specialists**

The Minnesota State Bar Association announces the certification of Manvir K. Atwal, Office of the Federal Public Defenders, Jean M. Brandl, Cloutier & Brandl, PA, Jon P. Erickson, Barna Guzy & Steffen; Daniel L. Gerdts; Blair W. Nelson, Blair W. Nelson Ltd.; John L. Lucas, Law Office of John L. Lucas; Douglas H.R. Olson, Office of the Federal Public Defenders; and Paul D. Schneck, Attorney at Law, as MSBA Board Certified Criminal Law Specialist. This new Certification program is administered by the MSBA and approved by the State Board of Legal Certification.

The certified specialist designation is earned by leading attorneys who have completed a rigorous approval process, including an examination in the specialty area, peer review, and documented experience. Certified attorneys have demonstrated superior knowledge, skill and integrity in their specific field and can use the designation of specialist to advertise their credentials. The MSBA has been accredited as an independent professional organization for certifying attorneys as Criminal Law Specialists, Real Property Law Specialists, Civil Trial Law Specialists and Labor and Employment Law Specialists. This achievement has been earned by fewer than 3% of all licensed Minnesota attorneys. More information about Certified Legal Specialists is at <http://www2.mnbar.org/certify>.

With over 16,000 members, the MSBA is the state's largest and most influential voluntary organization of attorneys, providing continuing legal education and public service opportunities for lawyers, and assistance to the legal system. The MSBA has been accredited as an independent professional organization for certifying attorneys as Criminal Law Specialists since 2009.

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