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TWENTY PROSECUTORS IN TWO YEARS OUT OF TWENTY-EIGHT PROSECUTORS HAVE LEFT THE DANE DA'S OFFICE

DA Ozanne is wrong when he says it is because they aren't getting paid enough

Madison, WI, July 15, 2016—In the last two years the Dane County District Attorney's office has lost 20 prosecutors – and this out of a total of 28 Assistant District Attorneys.¹ DA Ozanne essentially says it's because they aren't getting paid enough and that the office needs more attorneys to relieve the stress.² Here are the list of attorneys who left since May 2015 and their salaries in 2015:

NAME	WHEN LEFT OFFICE	2015 SALARY
Paul Barnett	June 2016	\$119,015
Joshua Bowland	May 2016	\$57,450
Thomas Fallon	January 2016	\$127,024
Joseph Mimier	April 2016	\$121,304
Shelly Rusch	May 2015	\$49,247
Diane Schlipper	February 2016	\$57,450
Kristin Shimabuku	November 2015	\$55,240
Corey Stephan	August 2016 (expected departure)	\$86,275
Emily Thompson	April 2016	\$60,090
Michelle Viste	June 2015	\$44,385

Matthew Moeser had also left the office for private practice but then returned to the DA's office as a Deputy DA. Susan Karaskiewicz, a former Kenosha County Deputy DA moved from Milwaukee to take a job in the

¹ "Loss of Experienced Prosecutors Points to Long Standing Problems for Dane County," Ed Treleven, Wisconsin State Journal, May 31, 2015

² Ibid.

Dane County District Attorney's office in July 2015 but left after one month calling the office "a rudderless, leaderless ship of chaos."

Even though DA Ozanne claims there is a crushing case load, he doesn't try cases himself.³ ADA Bob Jambois who is campaigning to take over as Dane District Attorney says he has given many ideas to Ozanne that he used successfully as DA in Kenosha to stream line the office making it more efficient and productive however these ideas have fallen on deaf ears. Jambois said he just couldn't sit back and let the office to continue to deteriorate without taking action. "I had a pretty low turnover rate when I was Kenosha DA," Jambois explained. "I listened to my staff and with their help implemented policies that made efficient use of resources and a streamlined process to help the prosecutors try cases."

"Also, I believe a DA should actually do jury trials because you lead by example and you set a standard, Jambois continued, "How else are you going to train new prosecutors unless you're trying cases yourself? More importantly, when the DA's office is stretched so thin to cover court, the DA should be pitching in. A true leader is not above helping out whatever the task may be."

Jambois went further saying "When you have experienced attorneys leaving the DA's office in droves you end up with new attorneys handling cases that are beyond their level of experience. It takes them longer to prepare for court and they make more mistakes. You have serious, violent felony cases being handled by inexperienced prosecutors. Given the number of shootings and gun violence this spring and summer in Madison, the community needs to take a hard look at this. Do they want to continue with the way things are or do they want a District Attorney who has done it before? I was an active prosecutor trying all kinds of cases when I was the Kenosha DA and I will do the same as Dane County DA.

"Dane County taxpayers cannot afford to continue to lose more than one-third of the prosecutors each year – and most of them being experienced trial attorneys," Jambois declared. "Things have got to change and it starts at the top. That is why I'm running for District Attorney."

³ See Ozanne court calendar from January 1, 2014 to June, 2016 attached hereto.