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St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin honored by fellow County Attorneys

St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin has been honored by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association with the 2012 M.A. Johnson Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes an individual who demonstrates significant leadership and a commitment to striving to improve the quality of justice while increasing and enhancing public awareness of the office of County Attorney.

In presenting the award, incoming Association President Don Ryan commended Rubin in particular for his response to last year's shooting at the Cook County Courthouse. Rubin drove to the courthouse in Grand Marais early in the morning following the shooting to assist the Cook County Sheriff's Office in preparing the complaint against the shooter. He also volunteered the assistance of his staff until the Cook County Attorney's Office staff could return to more normal operations.

Last month, Rubin coordinated the first Northeast Minnesota/Northwest Wisconsin County Attorneys Summit – attended by six regional County Attorneys and three St. Louis County Attorney's Office Division Heads – to discuss topics such as drug trafficking, domestic assault, courthouse safety and other current issues.

Rubin was elected County Attorney in 2010. Before that he served as a prosecutor in the office for more than 30 years, handling major criminal cases. He has shown a particular interest in the prosecution of firearm, child sexual abuse and adult sexual assault cases. Rubin is a graduate of The College of St. Scholastica, and holds a law degree from Hamline University. He frequently is invited to present at workshops and conferences for prosecutors, law students and law enforcement officers. In 2011 he was honored with the Julius Gernes Minnesota State Bar Association Prosecutor Award for Excellence.

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