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## State's Attorney Jamie Mosser Accepts Women of Power Award for "Tireless" Victim Advocacy and "Unwavering" Commitment to Justice

**St. Charles, Ill.** – Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser accepted the Quad County Urban League's Women of Power Award on Friday, March 21. The award recognizes Mosser's leadership in the criminal justice field and her forging of new roles and inspiration for women, girls, and future generations.

The award was presented at the Quad County Urban League's tenth annual Women's Empowerment Summit. With a theme of "Together We Rise: Inspiring Generations, Shaping Tomorrow," <u>this year's event</u> honored five rising leaders and ten "Women of Power". Previous honorees include U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, and Appellate Court Justices Cynthia Cobbs and Linda Davenport.

"I am deeply honored to receive the Women of Power Award alongside so many incredible leaders," said State's Attorney Mosser. "The Women's Empowerment Summit is a vital platform for inspiring and uplifting women and girls to shape a brighter future, and I want to thank the Quad County Urban League both for this recognition and for their unwavering commitment to our communities."

"This award reflects the dedication of my amazing team, who work every day to advocate for victims and hold offenders accountable while also creating opportunities for rehabilitation and second chances," Mosser added. "My office remains committed to ensuring Kane County is a safe community where justice is both fair and effective."

"As Quad County Urban League celebrates 50 remarkable years of empowering communities and advancing social justice, we are proud to honor extraordinary leaders who reflect our enduring mission through meaningful action," said Theodia Gillespie, President & CEO of the Quad County Urban League. "This year, we recognize Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser, whose exceptional leadership exemplifies the true spirit of a Woman of Power. Throughout her tenure, Jamie Mosser has demonstrated resilience, courage, and an unwavering commitment to justice and equality. Her tireless advocacy for victims and survivors, dedication to equitable reform within the criminal justice system, and persistent pursuit of fairness have left a profound impact on the communities we serve."

"Mosser's leadership not only drives tangible change but inspires future generations to pursue justice with integrity and compassion," Gillespie continued. "As we commemorate our legacy, we also look to the future, inspired by leaders like Jamie Mosser, whose influence will continue to uplift and strengthen our communities for generations to come. The Quad County Urban League is deeply honored to celebrate Jamie Mosser's contributions, recognizing her as an integral part of our past accomplishments and our ongoing mission toward a more equitable and just society."

State's Attorney Mosser has prioritized safety-guided criminal justice reform since taking office in 2020. In her first term, Mosser initiated new programs to address the root causes of criminal behavior, including the Collaborative Diversion Program and expanding deferred prosecution initiatives through the new DUI Rehabilitative Court and the First Offender Weapons Deferred Prosecution Program.

Mosser targeted inefficiency and inconsistency in the court system by restructuring her office under a vertical prosecution model. Her office also established specialized units to investigate and prosecute offenders of child exploitation and human trafficking. Throughout it all, she has ensured the office remain focused on a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach, particularly in domestic violence cases.

In addition, State's Attorney Mosser played a key role in negotiating changes to the SAFE-T Act, led the implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act, and worked to refine the recently passed Karina's Law.

Mosser serves on the boards of Mutual Ground, Rise From the Ashes, and the P.I.E. Project, as well as the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Elder Law and the Illinois Judicial Conference's Emerging Adults Task Force.

Founded in 1975, the Quad County Urban League supports racial justice, civil rights, and economic empowerment for African Americans and others within the Quad Counties—DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will—of Illinois. They are an advocate for educational excellence and economic self-reliance and develop programs and services to empower children, youth and adults. Their Women's Empowerment Summit is an annual event intended to foster connections and empower women to break barriers and become the leaders of tomorrow.

To learn more about Jamie Mosser and the work of the Kane County State's Attorney's Office visit <u>https://sao.kanecountyil.gov/</u>



**Pictured left to right:** Theodia Gillespie, Quad County Urban League (QCUL) President & CEO; Dianne Engram, QCUL Board Member; Kay Page, QCUL Director of Government Affairs; Jamie Mosser, Kane County State's Attorney; Carla Dennis, QCUL Senior Manager of Strategic Planning; and Nina Hunter, QCUL Board Chair.

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