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**Men's Anti-Violence Partnership
of Southern Arizona Honors Barbara LaWall**

(Tucson, Arizona) – Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, was honored by the *Men's Anti-Violence Partnership of Southern Arizona*, a program of the *Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault* at its Annual Awards Gala on Sunday, November 2, 2008. LaWall received the Compass Award in recognition of the contributions she has made and for the values she embodies in the struggle to end men's violence against women and girls in the community.

The *Men's Anti-Violence Partnership of Southern Arizona*, a program of the *Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault* had an auspicious beginning in April 2006. Many prominent members of the Tucson community, including Pima County Board of Supervisors Chair Richard Elias, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, Tucson Police Chief Richard Miranda, Pima Community College Chancellor Roy Flores, and Vice Chair Ned Norris of the Tohono O'odham Nation, were among the 55 Founding Members who backed this program. Since then, many outstanding citizens have been recognized for their work to combat violence against women and girls.

Paul Lindsey, founding member of the Men's Anti-Violence Partnership, past Board Chair of the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA), and current board member of SACASA's new parent organization, Arizona's Children Association, said: "In all my years of close work with Barbara LaWall I have always known her to place the interests of victims and their families above all else. Her scrupulous attention to the pursuit of social justice as well as criminal justice has set her apart as a human being and made her an excellent County Attorney."

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