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TWO PIMA COUNTY DEPUTY ATTORNEYS WIN PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD

*Rick Unklesbay and Nicol Green
Receive National Award for Outstanding Prosecution*

TUCSON, ARIZONA – Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall announced that Deputy County Attorneys Rick Unklesbay and Nicol Green, the veteran team of prosecutors who brought fugitive socialite Pamela Phillips to justice, were honored on Sunday, July 20th in Denver, Colorado at the National District Attorney's Association annual board meeting with the prestigious Home Run Hitters Award for outstanding prosecution.

The National District Attorney's Association (NDAA) is the oldest and largest national professional organization representing criminal prosecutors, and serves as a nationwide resource center for training, research, and technical assistance, reflecting the highest standards and cutting-edge practices of the prosecution profession.

NDAA annually inducts a select few prosecutors into the Home Run Hitters Club to recognize their outstanding work in trying complicated and difficult high profile cases. The "Homerun Hitters" award is the highest national award given in recognition of exceptional prosecution to honor those prosecutors who step up to the plate and score a "homerun hit" for their office. In addition to being recognized by their peers as the best in the nation, the winners received a genuine Louisville Slugger baseball bat inscribed with their names.

Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall nominated Unklesbay and Green, citing their unrelenting dedication, focus, and commitment to justice in the Triano case. "I am very proud of Rick Unklesbay and Nicol Green. Their performance was truly exceptional and their dedication and commitment to public safety is unquestionable," LaWall stated.

Unklesbay has dedicated his entire career to public service and is recognized as one of the nation's best trial attorneys. In 2003 he received a Lifetime-Achievement Award from the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council and was honored in 2004

with their Arizona Felony Prosecutor of the Year. In June 2005, the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation recognized him for Outstanding Advocacy in Capital Cases. And in 2009, he was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Green joined the County Attorney's office in 2001 and has spent much of her career as a tireless advocate for victims of domestic violence, earning her the David R. White Excellence in Victim Advocacy Award in 2008 from Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Attorneys' Advisory Council. In 2010, Green was honored by the YWCA with the Woman on the Move award. Last year, the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council recognized with the distinguished Felony Prosecutor of the Year award.

"Unklesbay and Green are not only exemplary trial attorneys, but raise the standard for all prosecutors nationwide." LaWall added.

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The full nomination and photos from the event are attached below.