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PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HONORED

(Tucson, Arizona) – The Pima County Attorney's Office is pleased to announce that Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, and Chris Straub, Chief Civil Deputy, have been recognized by the State Bar of Arizona for their efforts in the courtroom and in the community. Presentation of the awards took place June 26, 2009 at the annual Arizona State Bar Convention in Phoenix.

Barbara LaWall received the *2009 Michael C. Cudahy Criminal Justice Award*. This award is presented to the criminal law prosecutor who throughout her career has worked tirelessly to advance the principles of criminal justice by representing the public's interest with integrity, fairness, tenacity, creativity, brilliance, and professionalism. Over the course of her career, Barbara LaWall has demonstrated sustained service and exceptional advocacy on behalf of crime victims, and consistent dedication to the protection of public safety and the administration of justice in Pima County. She works tirelessly with local law enforcement, social service agencies, and the community to implement her unique, pro-active programs, which have been a model for other prosecutors throughout the state and the country. As the chief Prosecutor in the Pima County Attorney's Office, Barbara LaWall's job is to pursue justice, prosecute criminals, help victims, and protect the community; her dedication and commitment to the pursuit of justice and the prosecution of criminals is exceptional.

Chris Straub received the *2009 Distinguished Public Lawyer Award*. This award recognizes the work and dedication of outstanding public lawyers who exhibit a dedication and commitment to public service and the practice of law. Chris Straub is an accomplished and respected civil attorney; he serves the public well in carrying out his duties, providing quality legal services to the Pima County government in a manner that reflects a commitment to excellence.

The County Attorney's Office is very pleased to be recognized by the Arizona State Bar for the work it does for the residents of Pima County.

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