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COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL CYNTHIA H. COFFMAN ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL SENIOR LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

DENVER—[Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman](#) today announced several appointments to her senior leadership team.

“I am confident that I have found the best people to join the Attorney General’s Office and be part of my senior leadership team,” said Attorney General Coffman. “Each is highly qualified for their role and each possesses impressive credentials that will serve the office, the people of Colorado, and our state agency clients in an exemplary manner. Colorado is fortunate that these talented individuals have answered the call to public service.”

Deputy for State Services Section: Melody Mirbaba now oversees the legal representation for the Governor, other elected state officials, the administrative parts of the judicial branch, the State Board of Education, more than 20 Colorado-supported universities, colleges, and community colleges, and the Departments of Human Services, Public Health & Environment, Health Care Policy & Financing, Education, Higher Education, Labor and Employment and Personnel & Administration. Mirbaba served as Administrative Law Judge for the Colorado Public Utilities Commission from March 2013 – March 2015. Prior to that, Mirbaba spent 11 years in the Attorney General’s Office as an Assistant Attorney General in the Human Services and Public Officials Units of State Services. Mirbaba’s many volunteer commitments earned her the Governor Ralph L. Carr Award for Excellence in Public Service in 2010 from the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado. She is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Justice Section: Scott Turner will be joining the Department on April 20th having practiced law for more than 25 years. He has been a Colorado prosecutor for nearly a decade, spending seven years as the Assistant District Attorney in 5th and 9th Judicial Districts as well as a line prosecutor in the 4th Judicial District. Turner has prosecuted more than 100 cases in federal, state, and municipal courts. In addition, he has experience working with the General Assembly and numerous criminal justice task forces across the state. Turner also serves on several boards including Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) and Statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE). He attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City for both his undergraduate work and law school, receiving his J.D. in 1989.

Director of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST): Cory Amend joins the office as POST Director after serving 23 years with the Broomfield Police Department. He has enjoyed a wide range of assignments during his career and currently serves as Commander of the Patrol Division with responsibility for 55 sworn and non-sworn staff. Amend also served for nine years as Commander of the SWAT Team and is on the legislative committee for the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. He is a University of Colorado-Denver graduate and holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice/Executive Leadership.

Chief Investigator: Larry Adkisson has been promoted to the newly-created position of Chief Investigator. Adkisson joined the Department of Law in 2010 and has been an investigator with the Special Prosecution Unit and the Violent Crimes Assistance Team and participated in the Justice Review Project. He brings more than 35 years of experience in criminal investigation and has worked with the Lakewood Police Department, Arapahoe District Attorney's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and the family violence unit of the Denver District Attorney's Office. Adkisson has taught and provided training on a wide variety of topics including crime scene investigation, homicide investigation, interviewing, and testifying.

Deputy Attorney General for Business & Licensing Section: Russell Klein will assume the duties of Deputy for Business & Licensing on May 1, 2015. Klein joined the Attorney General's Office Financial Unit in 2005 representing the Colorado Division of Securities/Securities Commissioner. In 2010, he became First Assistant Attorney General for the Financial & Health Services Unit, which includes the Division of Securities and a number of boards and programs under the Division of Professions and Occupations (such as chiropractors, veterinarians, massage therapists, etc.). He has served on a number of committees in the office over the years, including the Appellate Committee and Pro Bono Committee, and co-manages the ongoing Trial and Deposition Skills Training Program. Klein became licensed in Colorado in 2000 after graduating from the University of Buffalo School of Law. Before joining the office, he worked in civil litigation handling matters related to real estate, personal injury, construction defects, contracts, and alleged regulatory violations.

In January, Attorney General Coffman [announced her senior cabinet appointments.](#)

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