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THREE IN PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HONORED

(Tucson, Arizona) – Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, is pleased to announce that three prosecutors from the Pima County Attorney's Office 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 20, 2008 at the annual Arizona State Bar Convention in Tucson.

John W. "Bill" Dickinson received the *2008 Public Lawyer Career Achievement Award*. This award recognizes retired or retiring public attorneys who have had a distinguished career and have made significant contributions to public service and are recognized as models of the dedication and commitment of public attorneys. Mr. Dickinson has distinguished himself over the course of his career, exhibiting extraordinary skills as a trial lawyer, with more than 200 felony trials. He has prosecuted and removed from the community violent criminals including child molesters, rapists, arsonists, murderers, armed robbers, stalkers, and home invaders. Mr. Dickinson has served the public well in carrying out his duties in the Pima County Attorney's Office.

Kathleen Mayer received the *2008 Michael C. Cudahy Criminal Justice Award*. This award is presented to the criminal law prosecutor who 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, Ms. Mayer 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. Ms. Mayer's job, as a Prosecutor in the Pima County Attorney's Office, 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.

Thomas J. Rankin received the *2008 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. Over the course of his career, Mr. Rankin has worked tirelessly to prosecute those who violate the law and threaten and endanger the safety of others.

Mr. Rankin is an accomplished and respected prosecutor; he has served the public well in carrying out his duties, providing quality legal services in a manner that reflects a commitment to excellence. He is relentless in the pursuit of justice, the prosecution of criminals, and the protection of the community.

LaWall said: "I am very pleased that the diligence and hard work of these prosecutors is recognized by the Arizona State Bar. The work they do for the citizens of Pima County is phenomenal. Their many accomplishments make them very worthy of these awards."

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