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U.S. ATTORNEY BURKE NAMED TO LEAD DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BORDER AND IMMIGRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PHOENIX - Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., has tapped District of Arizona U.S. Attorney Dennis K. Burke to serve a two year term on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys (AGAC). In addition, the Attorney General has appointed Burke as the Chair of the AGAC's Border and Immigration Law Enforcement Subcommittee for a two year term.

United States Attorneys provide advice and counsel to the Attorney General and senior policy leadership through the AGAC and its various subcommittees. The AGAC was established in 1973 to give U.S. Attorneys a voice in Department policies and to advise the Attorney General. The Committee, comprised of approximately 20 U.S. Attorney members who represent various federal judicial districts, geographic locations, and small, medium and large size offices, meets monthly with the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

The AGAC subcommittees address the Administration's priorities and play a vital role in furthering the Department's law enforcement efforts. Together in partnership with state, local, and federal authorities, the Advisory Committee is crucial in advancing the Department's efforts to battle terrorism and combat corporate fraud, as well as continue its law enforcement mission in areas such as border and immigration matters, civil rights, violent crime, environmental crime and health care fraud.

"I am extremely honored to serve in this additional capacity," Burke said of the recent appointment. "Border and immigration issues are not only a District of Arizona priority, but a priority within the entire Department of Justice. I look forward to working with my U.S. Attorney colleagues as well as with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona to advise the Attorney General on these matters."

Burke was sworn in as U.S. Attorney on September 16, 2009. He has an extensive background in immigration matters, having recently served as Senior Advisor to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and for five years as then Governor Napolitano's Chief of Staff. He also served in the Arizona Attorney General's Office and with the Department of Justice in Arizona and Washington, D.C. Both appointments to AGAC were effective October 20, 2009, and will expire on December 31, 2011.

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