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ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT DECISIONS

SAVANNAH, GA. Edward J. Tarver, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that he has appointed James D. Durham as First Assistant United States Attorney and Brian T. Rafferty as the Chief of the Criminal Division.

Mr. Durham previously served as Chief of the Criminal Division overseeing the work of over forty (40) prosecutors and support staff in the Savannah headquarters and Augusta branch offices. Mr. Durham is a 1990 graduate of Princeton University, and received his J. D. from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1995. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Durham was a partner in the Atlanta firm of Chilivis, Cochran, Larkins & Bever, where he focused on white collar criminal defense and complex civil litigation.

Mr. Rafferty previously served as the office's Health Care Fraud Coordinator and has prosecuted a wide variety of criminal cases, including drugs, guns, violent crime and fraud cases. Rafferty is a 1993 graduate of Lafayette College, and received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1996. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Rafferty was a partner in the New York, New York firm of Dornbush, Schaeffer Strongin & Venaglia, where he focused on white collar criminal defense.

In making his appointments, United States Attorney Tarver stated, “Mr. Durham and Mr. Rafferty have handled many significant, complex fraud and other cases in the district, and the district’s judicial officers, defense bar, and staff have recognized their exemplary talents both within and outside of the courtroom. I am excited about the leadership these individuals have provided and will provide as we continue our pursuit of the mission of the United States Attorney’s Office.”

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