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U.S. ATTORNEY LOCKHART ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

DAYTON – Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, announced today that he plans to resign, effective at midnight on August 31, 2009.

Lockhart has served as U.S. Attorney since August, 2001 when he was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Lockhart served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for 15 years prior to his appointment as U.S. Attorney.

“I deeply appreciate the opportunity to have served as the United States Attorney for over 8 years,” Lockhart wrote in his resignation letters to President Obama and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. “Service to our country has been a cornerstone of my adult life. Serving as the United States Attorney was indeed the highlight of that service.”

Under Lockhart, the United States Attorney’s Office handled more than 25,000 cases involving more than 46,000 litigants. During that period, more than 3,400 indictments were returned charging more than 4,600 people with federal crimes.

During Lockhart’s tenure, the office focused on prosecuting crimes involving terrorism, gun and gang crimes, fraud, and crimes involving the exploitation of children.

Significant cases prosecuted under Lockhart include conviction of three people on charges of providing material support to terrorists. Other notable cases that occurred during Lockhart’s tenure include the conviction in Columbus of eleven executives of National Century Financial Enterprises who were responsible for the \$3.2 billion fraud that brought down that company. At the time, NCFE was the largest private securities fraud case ever prosecuted. Other notable fraud cases include the successful prosecution in Cincinnati of executives of Berkeley Premium Nutraceuticals involved in a \$459 million fraud scheme. Leaders of an organized gambling ring in Dayton were convicted after more than a decade of operation there.

Lockhart also oversaw an asset forfeiture program that returned more than \$33.2 million to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to assist them in their fight against crime in southern Ohio. Lockhart also helped secure nearly \$8 million for law enforcement agencies and community groups to combat crime and help rebuild neighborhoods through Department of Justice initiatives.

Lockhart also expanded the coordination and training elements of the District’s Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council and established the district’s Project Safe Childhood team that has successfully prosecuted more than three dozen sex offenders, and is one of the leading districts in the nation in the prosecution of sex offenders who fail to register as required under the Adam Walsh Act passed by Congress in 2006.

Lockhart said he will always appreciate the staff at the U.S. Attorney's office. "The success we have realized and the initiatives we have undertaken are due in large part to the outstanding professionals in this office. I am grateful to them and to our federal, state and local partners in law enforcement. It has been an honor to work with them."

The U.S. Attorney's office, with a total staff of 108, represents more than five million people in 48 of Ohio's 88 counties. The Southern District of Ohio includes the metropolitan areas of Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton.

Prior to joining the U.S Attorney's office, Lockhart practiced law privately between 1976 and 1987. Lockhart also worked as an Assistant County Prosecutor in Greene County, served as a Legal Advisor for the police departments of Xenia and Fairborn, and was a Special Prosecutor for Montgomery County, Ohio.

Outside the office, Lockhart has mentored students while teaching at the University of Dayton's College of Law and Wright State University's Colleges of Political Science and Business. Lockhart has co-authored two publications: "Federal Grand Jury, A Guide To Law And Practice", and "Pinkerton Liability Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines".

Lockhart is a United States Air Force Veteran, having served in Vietnam. Lockhart is a graduate of Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio (B.S. 1973), and The Ohio State University School of Law (J.D. 1976).

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