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## WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA U. S. ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES OFFICE LEADERS

**LAFAYETTE, La.** - United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced several management changes this week for the Western District of Louisiana's U. S. Attorney's Office. Finley, a 15 year prosecutor with the office, was nominated by President Obama in January of this year and was confirmed by the U. S. Senate in June. The staff changes are as follows:

First Assistant United States Attorney	-	Alexander C. Van Hook
Criminal Chief - Lafayette Office	-	Richard A. Willis
Criminal Chief - Shreveport Office	-	Mary J. Mudrick
Counsel to the U. S. Attorney	-	William J. Flanagan
Senior Litigation Counsel	-	Joseph G. Jarzabek

Katherine Vincent will remain as the office's Civil Chief. All of the individuals are longtime Assistant U. S. Attorneys in the office.

Alexander Van Hook has been an Assistant U. S. Attorney for 11 years and has prosecuted a wide range of cases, to include public corruption, drugs, money laundering, white collar crime, and asset forfeiture. Prior to being named First Assistant U. S. Attorney, Van Hook served as the Deputy Chief for the Criminal Division in the Shreveport office. Van Hook has also served as lead Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) attorney.

Richard Willis has been an Assistant U. S. Attorney for 23 years and has litigated an array of civil and criminal cases. Prior to being named Criminal Chief of the Lafayette office, Willis served as the Deputy Chief for the Lafayette Criminal Division. He has also served as the Asset Forfeiture Chief and Deputy Civil Chief. As Deputy Civil Chief, Willis handled affirmative civil enforcement cases, primarily environmental enforcement and asset forfeiture, as well as social security and financial litigation unit cases. During his tenure as Deputy Criminal Chief, he prosecuted public corruption, drugs, money laundering, white collar crime, civil rights, and asset forfeiture cases. He also serves the district as the Anti-Terrorism Coordinator, Crisis Management Coordinator, and the Giglio Policy Advisor.

Mary Mudrick joined the U. S. Attorney's Office 11 years ago as an Assistant U. S. Attorney assigned to the Shreveport Criminal Division. The majority of Mudrick's cases since 2008 have been civil rights related. Previous to that, she was the Project Safe Neighborhood Coordinator, handling violent crime and gun cases. Mudrick is currently the Civil Rights Coordinator and serves on the district's Diversity Committee. She is also the point of contact for Violence Against Providers of Reproductive Health Services, Hate Crimes Initiative, Regional Worker Exploitation Task Forces and Trafficking in Persons.

Katherine Vincent began her career as an Assistant U. S. Attorney with the Western District of Louisiana's Lafayette Civil Division 12 years ago. She was appointed Civil Chief in 2002 and continues to handle a caseload consisting primarily of matters in which the United States is named as a defendant. Vincent is the district's point of contact for healthcare fraud and affirmative civil enforcement, and she also serves as the district's Sanction/Civil Discovery and Litigation Hold Coordinator.

William Flanagan has been an Assistant U. S. Attorney for 23 years. His primary practice has been in the prosecution of white collar crime, public corruption and civil rights. Flanagan has served as the First Assistant U. S. Attorney and interim U. S. Attorney. He serves as the district's International Security Coordinator, Crisis Management Co-Coordinator, Confidential Human Source Coordinator, Elections Officer, Professional Responsibility Officer, Ethics Advisor, and Victim's Rights Contact.

Joseph Jarzabek has been an Assistant U. S. Attorney for 27 years and has prosecuted a variety of cases with his primary emphasis being on white collar crime and public corruption. Prior to being appointed as the Senior Litigation Counsel, Jarzabek served as the district's Deputy Chief for the Shreveport office and Chief of the Criminal Division for the district.

The Western District of Louisiana consists of 42 parishes and 5 divisions which includes four federally recognized Indian Tribes, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Chitimacha Tribe, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, and Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana and two large military installations, Barksdale Air Force Base and Fort Polk. The district is the largest U. S. Attorney's Office in the state and has three unmanned offices in Alexandria, Monroe and Lake Charles. The two manned offices are located in Shreveport and Lafayette.

United States Attorney Finley stated: "All of the individuals tapped for these positions are extraordinary attorneys who possess the experience and integrity needed to lead in our district. They are committed public servants whose leadership and energy will benefit the public and advance our mission to pursue justice."

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