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### VAUDREUIL SWORN IN AS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Madison, Wisconsin -- John W. Vaudreuil [*pronounced Vō - dree*], a veteran federal prosecutor in Madison, took the oath of office as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin today. U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb administered the oath. Vaudreuil, 56, a native of Rice Lake, Wis., was nominated by President Barack Obama on May 27, 2010, confirmed by the Senate on August 5, 2010, and appointed by the President on August 10, 2010.

Upon taking the oath, Vaudreuil said, "I am honored and humbled by the appointment. This office and this district mean a great deal to me. Based on a lot of hard work, our office has a long-enjoyed reputation - with the court, the defense bar, victims, and the public - for being fair and even-handed in promoting justice in the Western District of Wisconsin. With the help of the office's dedicated staff and our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners, I will work hard to continue and build on that reputation."

The United States Attorney acts as the chief federal law enforcement official for the Western District of Wisconsin, which includes 44 counties, or roughly the western two-thirds of Wisconsin. In addition to anti-terrorism efforts, the office prosecutes violations of federal law, including drug, firearm, child pornography, and white collar offenses, and represents the United States in both affirmative and defensive civil actions.

As United States Attorney, Vaudreuil now leads the office in which he has devoted his entire legal career. He was first appointed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin in 1980. In 1992 the U.S. Department of Justice designated Vaudreuil as Senior Litigation Counsel, and he has served as the chief of the office's Criminal Division since June 2002. An experienced trial lawyer, Vaudreuil has prosecuted thousands of cases, including major fraud, public corruption, environmental

crimes, murder, tax evasion, bank robberies, and drug conspiracies.

Vaudreuil also has national and international teaching experience. From 1987 to 2002, he taught Evidence and Trial Advocacy to law students at the University of Wisconsin Law School. From 1992 to the present, he has taught thousands of U.S. prosecutors regarding evidence, trial advocacy, and criminal procedure. Since 2001 he has supported the rule of law efforts of the U.S. Department of Justice, teaching prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges in Albania, the Czech Republic, Qatar, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Macedonia, Uzbekistan, Kosovo, Republic of Georgia, Russia, Serbia, Uganda, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, and Pakistan.

Vaudreuil has received numerous awards and commendations for his work, including: a 1997 Justice Department Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for prosecuting a drug conspiracy case involving two brutal murders; a 1999 special commendation from the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division for prosecuting a multi-defendant Clean Air Act criminal case involving the use of homeless individuals in the illegal removal of asbestos during a large building demolition project; and a 2006 Justice Department Award for Superior Performance by a Litigative Team in leading the prosecution of a large gang/drug case on the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation in northwest Wisconsin, which resulted in 48 convictions. In 2004 he was named a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Vaudreuil is a double Badger. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1976 and received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1979.

A formal investiture will be scheduled in the near future.

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