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TWO ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL U.S. ATTORNEY AWARDS CEREMONY

The Department of Justice held its 27th annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) Director's Awards Ceremony today, during which 159 award recipients from more than 45 districts were recognized for their dedication to carrying out the mission of the Department of Justice. Among the award recipients were Assistant United States Attorneys Terrence Berg and William Woodard. Recipients included Assistant United States Attorneys, law enforcement agents, litigation teams and others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state and local law enforcement.

"These award recipients have been honored for their service and dedication to our country, as well as to their local communities," said Attorney General Eric Holder. "Each of these committed public servants has helped to advance the Justice Department's critical work. Their contributions have had a powerful impact in ensuring the strength of our justice system, the security of our communities, and the promise of our democracy."

United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade stated, ""Our U.S. Attorney's Office is very fortunate to have lawyers of the caliber of Terry Berg and Bill Woodard," McQuade said. "We are very proud to see them receive national recognition for the work they have done to achieve justice for our citizens."

Terrence Berg was recognized for his work on a six month detail where he served as the Acting First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia. While serving in that capacity Mr. Berg provided both outstanding leadership and

management skills under challenging conditions. Mr. Berg was instrumental in developing and implementing a strategic plan for the improvement of the management and structure of the office. This included revising the Criminal Division's management plan; improving case intake, assignment and review procedures; organizing the first district-wide retreat in ten years; overseeing an increase in productivity in criminal cases indicted; working with the management team to significantly improve relationships with client agencies and the judiciary; initiating a mentoring program that paired less experienced AUSAs with senior AUSAs to provide counsel and guidance; participating in the development of a "Back to Basics" training program for all criminal AUSAs; and establishing a program to improve morale and promote a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among the staff.

William L. Woodard was recognized for over two decades of superior performance representing federal law enforcement officers in Bivens actions. Throughout his career, Mr. Woodard has handled these high-stakes actions, in which plaintiffs seek to impose personal financial liability on federal employees, with signature composure, manifest professionalism, and admirable sense of fair play. More important than any single case, Mr. Woodard's career is based on integrity, honor, and dignity, which have been instrumental in his exceptional successes throughout his career.

Terrence Berg and William Woodard's extraordinary work has helped the Department of Justice to continue its mission to enforce all of our nation's laws, including prosecuting civil rights violations, gang violence and drug crimes, as well as representing our client agencies, conducting civil enforcement, and assisting victims of crime.

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