

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **For Immediate Release:**

Boone County State's Attorney-Elect Michelle Courier announces her selection of new attorney hires for the State's Attorney's Office to begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>. They are Sal LoPiccolo, Ann Switzer, and Roxanne Sosnowski.

Sal LoPiccolo will be the First Assistant State's Attorney. Sal is a graduate of Creighton University Law School. Prior to practicing law, he served in the United States' Army for four years. He began his legal career in the Kane County State's Attorney's Office where he served for 20 years, handling nearly every type of case, most recently prosecuting Kane County's most violent and high-profile crimes. As a veteran prosecutor, Sal has been recognized for taking tough cases to trial and his ability to win them, his devotion to crime victims, and his professionalism. Some of Sal's honors include recognition by his peers as the 2005 prosecutor of the year where he earned the title of "courtroom warrior" and becoming the first prosecutor to win two separate first-degree murder trials in the same day. Sal is qualified as lead counsel on the Capital Litigation Bar.

Ann Switzer is a graduate of the University of Colorado. Ann began her career as a prosecutor in the Winnebago State's Attorney's Office, where she was promoted as a felony trial attorney and supervisor of the child Protection Division. She has represented low income elderly clients and victims of domestic abuse and taught the Elder Law Clinic course and Domestic Abuse at the Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic. In addition, Ann has worked to better the lives of high risk juveniles as a Winnebago County probation officer. She looks forward to advocating for child victims and working to make her Boone County home safer for all.

Roxanne Sosnowski is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and a Boone County native. Roxanne joins the office from McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, where she advised county officials and department heads and represented them in civil litigation. Prior to joining the McHenry County State's Attorney's office, she was a municipal attorney representing several municipalities in both civil and criminal matters. Roxanne has been recognized for her planning and zoning knowledge through her publications and seminars through the American Planning Association. Roxanne is also federally licensed in the Northern District of Illinois.

Courier is also pleased to announce that Assistant State's Attorneys Desiree Sierens and Lori O'Brien will continue their public service to Boone County. Courier, along with all her Assistant State's Attorneys, will be sworn in on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, at 1:00p.m. in Court Room A at the Boone County Courthouse. The public is encouraged to attend.