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### Pima County Deputy Attorney Receives Prosecutor Lifetime Achievement Award

(Tucson, Arizona, July 28, 2006) Pima County Deputy Attorney Kathleen Mayer was honored with the 2006 Arizona Prosecutor Lifetime Achievement Award this week. The award was presented at the annual Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) conference in Phoenix.

Mayer, whose career with the Pima County Attorney's Office spans 28 years, was recognized for "sustained service, exceptional advocacy on behalf of crime victims, and consistent dedication to the protection of public safety and the administration of justice in Pima County."

"Kathleen is a risk taker and innovator who thinks 'outside the box,'" noted Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall. "We are truly fortunate to have Kathleen among our excellent team of prosecutors."

Mayer has tried more than 150 jury trials, including 23 homicide charges and 76 sex offenses and sexual exploitation of children charges. Her efforts have removed murderers, rapists, child abductors, and child molesters from the community.

In addition to her trial record, Mayer supervised the Pima County Attorney's Special Victims Unit from 1993 to 2004. Under her leadership, the unit grew to include not only sex crimes, but also domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and animal abuse cases. Mayer has also served as Legislative Liaison and Special Assistant to the County Attorney, and is currently the trial attorney assigned to the Pima County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit.

The Pima County Attorney's Office, led by Barbara LaWall since 1996, is nationally recognized for its strong prosecution of the worst crimes, in addition to innovative partnerships focusing on crime prevention and public safety. For more information about the Pima County Attorney's Office, log on to [www.pcao.pima.gov](http://www.pcao.pima.gov).

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