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County Attorney Offers Insider's Look at Prosecution

**(Tucson, AZ)** – The Pima County Attorney's Office will hold its highly acclaimed **Citizens Prosecution Academy** beginning **Wednesday, March 4, 2009**. The Academy is a popular course offered free to the citizens of Pima County; the course demystifies the criminal justice system and the workings of the County Attorney's Office. The course lasts seven weeks and participants receive a certificate upon completion.

"This is an amazing opportunity for people to meet prosecutors and staff from the County Attorney's Office and get an insider's look at what we do and how we do it," said Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney.

The Academy introduces citizens to the inner workings of the County Attorney's Office, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system. The course includes opportunities for on-site visits to the Office of the Medical Examiner, DPS Crime Laboratory, the adult jail and juvenile detention center, the state prison, and an opportunity to observe a felony trial in Superior Court.

A diverse group of speakers from the County Attorney's Office, law enforcement, the DPS Crime Lab, and the Office of the Medical Examiner will discuss topics, including cold case homicides, the "CSI effect," and prosecuting sexually violent predators. In addition, issues such as narcotics, gangs, ballistics/firearms, witness protection, internet crimes, sex crimes, domestic violence, stalking, public integrity, and the workings of the criminal justice system will be covered.

Praise from those who have attended a previous Academy is strong. One graduate wrote, "I walked away a more informed citizen; I enjoyed this class very much! Thank you for providing this opportunity to the community."

**The spring 2009 Citizens Prosecution Academy will begin March 4, 2009 and will conclude April 15, 2009. Classes will be held Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Tucson Rillito Police Department located at 1310 W. Miracle Mile.** An application is required and is available at <http://www.pcao.pima.gov/>

Mail your application to:  
Pima County Attorney's Office  
32 North Stone, Suite 1400  
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or fax it to 740-5495 by Friday, February 27, 2009. Class size is limited. Applications should be received at the Pima County Attorney's Office as early as possible to ensure participation in the class.

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