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**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HONORS
PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY BARBARA LAWALL
WITH PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

TUCSON, ARIZONA - Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall was presented with the American Bar Association's Hodson Award for Public Service today (Friday, August 9th) during the ABA's annual meeting in San Francisco.

LaWall was honored for the outstanding services provided by her Victim Services Division to crime victims throughout Pima County, including victims of the January 8, 2011 shooting in Tucson that gravely injured then Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, killed Chief Federal Judge John Roll and killed and severely injured many others, among them now Congressman Ron Barber. The Pima County Attorney's Victim Services Director, Kent Burbank, also was honored.

The Hodson Award, named in honor of the distinguished public service career of the late Major General Kenneth J. Hodson, a former Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army, recognizes sustained, outstanding performance, and extraordinary service within private and public law offices.

"The work performed by the staff and volunteers of the Victim Services Division is truly outstanding," said LaWall. "They are most deserving of this honor and award, and I accept it in honor of all of them."

Developed in 1975, the Pima County Attorney's Office created one of the first victim witness advocacy programs in the nation. Since LaWall took office in 1996, the program has grown from a small staff providing limited coverage, to a staff of more than two dozen full-time employees plus more than 100 volunteers who provide support and critical services to victims and witnesses 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

LaWall's Victim Services program has served as a model for other programs across the state, nationally and internationally, earning it the prestigious National Crime Victim Service Award earlier this year, presented by the U.S. Department of Justice.



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More information on the Pima County Attorney's Victim Services Division can be found [here](#).

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