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**BARBARA LAWALL, PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY  
HONORED BY AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

(Tucson, Arizona) – The Pima County Attorney’s Office, is pleased to announce that Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, is the recipient of the American Bar Association’s prestigious *Norm Maleng Minister of Justice Award*. The award was presented to Ms. LaWall on April 10, 2010, at the ABA’s Criminal Justice/National District Attorneys Association Spring Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.

The award is given to a prosecutor who embodies the principles enunciated in the *ABA Standards for Criminal Justice*, particularly: “the duty of the prosecutor is to seek justice, not merely to convict.” In selecting Ms. LaWall, the Award Committee determined that she exemplifies the principles that a prosecutor’s obligation is to protect the innocent as well as to convict the guilty; that the prosecutor must guard the rights of the accused as well as enforce the rights of the public; and that the prosecutor’s commitment to legal and ethical standards must be unwavering. Ms. LaWall joins an esteemed group of past recipients including: E. Michael McCann (2002); Cal Rerucha and David Schwendiman (2003); Charles J. Hynes (2005); Norm Maleng (2006); Lt. Col. Stuart V. Couch (2007); Gary Walker (2008); and Susan Gaertner (2009).

LaWall said: “I am very pleased to receive the *Norm Maleng Minister of Justice Award*. I knew Norm and had the greatest respect for him as both a prosecutor and a friend. It’s an honor to be associated with him.”

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