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(Tucson, Arizona) – Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, is pleased to announce that *Deputy County Attorney Malena Acosta* of the *Narcotics/Arson Unit*, in the Pima County Attorney's Office, has been recognized by the *Arizona International Association of Arson Investigators* (AIAAI) as the **2010 Attorney of the Year** for her exemplary service to the citizens of Pima County.

Ms. Acosta received the *Attorney of the Year Award* on July 15, 2010 at the AIAAI's annual meeting in Prescott, Arizona. The award recognizes Ms. Acosta's exemplary prosecutorial expertise demonstrated in three notable arson trials since December 2009

Barbara LaWall said: "Malena is truly deserving of this award. She secured justice not only for the victims, but for an entire community that was impacted by the horrific actions of a few irresponsible, heartless defendants."

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