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Governor-Elect Christie Names Additional Leadership Roles in the Offices of the Attorney General and the Governor's Counsel

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Trenton, NJ – Governor-Elect Chris Christie announced additional appointments to the Offices of the Attorney General and the Governor's Counsel. These key leadership roles includes the Director of the Division of Law and the Direction of Criminal Justice in the Attorney General's office and the Director of the Authorities Unit in the office of the Governor's Counsel.

Robert Hanna will serve as Director of the Division of Law in the Attorney General's office under Paula Dow. Hanna is currently director of the Newark law-firm, Gibbons PC and previously served as an assistant U.S. Attorney for 16 years.

Also joining the Attorney General's office is Stephen Taylor as Director of Criminal Justice. Taylor is a twenty-year career prosecutor, working in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office and later the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. While working at the U.S. Attorney's office, Taylor served as both Chief of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, and later as Chief of the Terrorism Unit.

Deborah Gramiccioni will join the office of the Governor's Counsel as Director of the Authorities Unit. Since June 2008, Gramiccioni has been serving as the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety. She has also worked for the U.S. Department of Justice as Assistant Chief of the Fraud Section in the Criminal Division and as Chief of the Commerical Crimes Unit in the New Jersey U.S. Attorney's office.

Robert M. Hanna, Director of the Division of Law, Attorney General's Office

Bob Hanna, 51, of Madison, currently is a director of the Newark-based law firm Gibbons P.C. Mr. Hanna joined the Gibbons firm in May 2006 after serving 16 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in New Jersey. In private practice, Mr. Hanna has represented clients in wide variety of complex white-collar criminal matters, civil matters and attorney ethics matters. He also has served as a court-appointed receiver.

Mr. Hanna joined the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey in May 1990. There he handled a wide array of affirmative and defensive civil matters, including appeals, on behalf of the federal government. His affirmative civil matters included a civil RICO action to rid Atlantic City's Local 54 of hotel workers union of Philadelphia La Cosa Nostra domination; anti-fraud injunction actions against direct mail and telemarketing fraud operations; a novel CERCLA environmental penalty action on behalf of EPA; and False Claims Act affirmative actions. Mr. Hanna's significant defensive civil matters included defending the U.S. Attorney, federal judges and other federal officials in civil rights actions; significant Freedom of Information Act litigation; opposing the Town of Secaucus's attempt to halt major federal rail transportation project; and emergent applications by losing bidders on government contracts.

In 1997 Mr. Hanna joined the Frauds Division at the U.S. Attorney's Office, and later served in a variety of roles, including as Chief of the Securities and Health Care Fraud Unit and Criminal Health Care Fraud Coordinator. Among his many white-collar criminal matters, Mr. Hanna was the lead prosecutor in the prosecutions of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and major pharmaceutical concern Bristol-Myers Squibb. As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Hanna also tried complex, lengthy securities and health care fraud criminal cases.

Throughout his career as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mr. Hanna worked closely with representatives of a wide range of federal and state agencies.

Mr. Hanna graduated from Manhattan College in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. After working for a year at a national public accounting firm, Mr. Hanna attended Fordham University School of Law School in New York, serving on the Fordham Law Review staff and graduating in 1984 with a Juris Doctor degree. Following law school, Mr. Hanna was a litigation associate at the Cahill Gordon & Reindel law firm in New York, working on a broad range of commercial litigation matters. Mr. Hanna is admitted to practice of law in the States of New Jersey and New York.

Born in Teaneck and raised in New City, New York, Mr. Hanna has lived in Madison for 20 years.

Stephen J. Taylor, Director of Criminal Justice, Attorney General's Office

Stephen J. Taylor, 49, was most recently a partner in the law firm of Taylor, Colicchio & Silverman, LLP, in Princeton. Mr. Taylor joined Taylor, Colicchio & Silverman in July 2006 following a twenty-year career as a prosecutor, first in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office and later the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. Following a clerkship with the Honorable Leonard D. Ronco, J.S.C. (ret.) in Essex County, Mr. Taylor joined the Essex County Prosecutor's Office where he served four prosecutors during his approximately twelve year career. After prosecuting a variety of cases in trial courts for four years, Mr. Taylor was assigned to the Homicide Investigations Unit in 1990. From March 1995 through April 1998, Mr. Taylor served as the Director of the Homicide Unit,

supervising approximately twenty investigators and three assistant prosecutors.

In 1998, Mr. Taylor joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark, where he prosecuted, among other cases, social security fraud cases, complex narcotic conspiracy cases involving electronic surveillance and racketeering cases. Mr. Taylor was later assigned to the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section where he oversaw investigations of traditional and non-traditional organized crime cases. Among notable cases, Mr. Taylor supervised a six-year undercover FBI investigation dubbed "Royal Charm" that initially targeted the smuggling of counterfeit cigarettes into the U.S. from China. The investigation ultimately led to the illegal importation of approximately five million dollars in high quality counterfeit U.S. currency called "supernotes," the first time that "supernotes," manufactured abroad, appeared in the United States. The investigation led to the prosecution of fifty-seven individuals.

In 2002, Mr. Taylor was appointed Chief of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, where he supervised ten attorneys responsible for prosecuting upper echelon drug and money laundering organizations. From April 2005 through July 2006, Mr. Taylor was Chief of the Terrorism Unit and supervised the investigation and prosecution of national security related offenses, including terrorism related cases, espionage cases and violations of the arms export control laws.

Mr. Taylor was admitted to bars of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey in 1985, and was later admitted to the bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In 2008, Mr. Taylor became a New Jersey Supreme Court Certified Criminal Trial Attorney.

Mr. Taylor was born in Yonkers, New York and raised in Edison, New Jersey. Mr. Taylor obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Delaware in 1982 and a Juris Doctor degree from Villanova University Law School in 1985.

Deborah Gramiccioni, Director of the Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor's Counsel

Since June 2008, Deborah Gramiccioni has been serving as the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety. Gramiccioni joined the Attorney General's Office in September 2007 as a Special Assistant to Attorney General Anne Milgram.

In November 2005, Gramiccioni was appointed Assistant Chief of the Fraud Section in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., where she supervised cases brought nationwide under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. From January to September 2007, Gramiccioni was the Vice President of Trace International, Inc., an international non-profit company specializing in anti-bribery training and due diligence reviews for multinational companies and their commercial intermediaries.

Gramiccioni worked first as an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP and then clerked for the Honorable Alfred J. Lechner, Jr., United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. Immediately following her clerkship, Gramiccioni joined the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey in September 1999. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Gramiccioni prosecuted cases in the Criminal Division and Special Prosecution Division. In September 2004, Gramiccioni was promoted to Chief of the Commercial Crimes Unit, where she supervised the prosecution of white-collar crimes involving financial fraud, identity theft and intellectual property.

Gramiccioni graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in 1994 and the University of Virginia School of Law in 1997. She lives in Monmouth County with her husband Christopher, and their two children.

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