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ATTORNEY GENERAL REORGANIZES SENIOR STAFF

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HARTFORD – Attorney General George Jepsen named two new associate attorneys general as part of a reorganization of senior staff attorneys to improve management and operations across the Office of the Attorney General. The changes were announced to the office Wednesday and take effect April 14.

“Over the past couple of months, I have met with attorneys and staff in the office to determine how to improve the management structure to assist attorneys in their jobs and better serve the interests of Connecticut. The changes announced today accomplish both goals,” Jepsen said.

Gregory D’Auria of Hebron was named associate attorney general/solicitor general, with responsibility for supervising and assisting state and federal appeals throughout the agency. D’Auria has headed the Special Litigation and Charities unit since 2010 and previously served 8.5 years as associate attorney general for litigation. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut School of Law. He joined the office in November, 1993.

Jepsen also named Margaret Chapple of Granby as associate attorney general for administration and management. She will be responsible for professional training and development as well as office policies and procedures. Chapple has been head of the Employment Rights unit since it was created in 2001 and prior to that led the Public Safety unit for five years. A graduate of Southern Connecticut State University and the University of Connecticut School of Law, Chapple also holds a master’s degree in social work from the University of Connecticut. She joined the office in December, 1985.

Two current associate attorneys general will continue in that role. Perry Zinn-Rowthorn will be responsible for investigations and litigation and Joseph Rubin will be responsible for special projects, with oversight responsibilities for environment, energy, tobacco litigation, the whistleblower unit and contracts.

Zinn-Rowthorn, of West Hartford, has been an associate attorney general since July, 2009. A graduate of the University of Connecticut and University of Connecticut School of Law, he joined the department in March, 1999. Rubin, of West Hartford, has been an associate attorney general since 1997. A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, Rubin joined the office in 1985 and was previously head of the Environment unit.

“Greg is a talented appellate lawyer who will ensure that this Office continues its high-caliber appellate practice. Peggy has extensive litigation experience and a good grasp of best practices and policies for the Office. In her new role, she will focus on increasing opportunities for



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professional development and updating litigation and general office guidelines. Perry has been doing a great job as litigation associate. He has the skills, judgment and experience necessary to supervise all aspects of the Office's litigation practice. Joe is a talented lawyer whose background and experience in complex cases, particularly in the environmental area, will be an asset. The associates will report to Deputy Attorney General Nora Dannehy, who will supervise operations of the office," Jepsen said.

In other changes, Assistant Attorney General Mark Kohler will replace D'Auria as head of Special Litigation and Charities and Assistant Attorney General Antoria Howard will lead the Employment Rights unit. Assistant Attorney General Clare Kindall will succeed Kohler as head of what will be a newly created Energy department representing the state Department of Public Utility Control.

Kohler, of North Haven, has headed the Public Utilities unit for 18 months and previously led the Finance unit for six years. A graduate of the College of St. Thomas and University of Connecticut School of Law, Kohler also holds a master's degree from Indiana University. He joined the office in 1992.

Howard, of Bloomfield, has been with the Employment Rights department since 2001 and worked previously in the Public Safety unit. A graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and the University of Connecticut School of Law, Howard joined the office in 1997.

Kindall, of West Hartford, has been part of the Special Litigation unit since 2002, having worked previously in the Transportation unit. She joined the office from private practice in 1998. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Virginia School of Law.

"I am excited about these changes and welcome these talented lawyers to our management team," Jepsen said.

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