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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Charleston solicitor named VP of national prosecutors association**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CHARLESTON, SC (Sept. 30, 2019) –Scarlett A. Wilson, solicitor of South Carolina’s Ninth Judicial Circuit, has been named a vice president of the National District Attorneys Association, positioning her to work with Congress and federal authorities on a range of criminal-justice issues that are important to South Carolina.

Wilson will serve with 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor Duffie Stone, who this past summer became only the second South Carolinian to be elected NDAA president.

“When Charleston was dealing with the tragic killings of the Emanuel Nine and of Walter Scott, I had prosecutors from other parts of the country asking me how it could be that Charleston, this city in the Deep South, wasn’t burning to the ground,” Stone recalled. “I think there are many reasons for that, and Scarlett is one of them. She acted quickly and decisively. It is evident that community leaders trusted Scarlett’s determination to seek justice and that the judicial process would work.

“Those two incidents thrust Scarlett into a national spotlight. But before that, she was known across the state for her vast experience and leadership in criminal justice issues. She has a lot to offer the NDAA that goes well beyond her handling of two high-profile cases.”

Kristine Hamann, executive director of the Prosecutors’ Center for Excellence, which works with prosecutors to improve the criminal-justice system and address emerging issues, agreed.

“Solicitor Scarlett Wilson will be a tremendous asset to the NDAA executive team as vice president,” Hamann said. “Scarlett is the perfect balance of a serious career prosecutor and an innovative leader who is open to fresh ideas and new approaches.”

Wilson was the first woman to become Ninth Circuit Solicitor, a position she has held since 2007. The circuit comprises Charleston and Berkeley counties.

“I am honored to serve prosecutors across this country,” Wilson said. “The NDAA will lead the way in criminal justice reform and I look forward to being a part of that on both the national and state level.”

Wilson serves as a commissioner on the S.C. Commission for Prosecution Coordination and is a member of the state Child Fatality Advisory Committee. She also is a past recipient of the Law Enforcement Victim’s Advocate Solicitor of the Year Award and the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network’s Criminal Justice Award for Outstanding Service to Victims.

Wilson is a graduate of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina School of Law. She is a native of Hemingway, SC.

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