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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Doug Moreau has announced the following staff appointments in the Office of the District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Parish of East Baton Rouge:

**Prem Burns** has been appointed to the position of First Assistant District Attorney for Litigation. In her new position Ms. Burns will be responsible for supervising litigation efforts in office. She brings to her new position over 30 years of prosecutorial experience, beginning as the first woman to prosecute a felony jury trial in East Baton Rouge in 1977. She has handled numerous prosecutions of great significance to the parish and has been named one of “America’s Toughest Prosecutors,” by Parade Magazine, and named one of the most “Influential Women in Business” by the Baton Rouge Business Report. Her prosecutions have included the death penalty convictions for the murderers of Baton Rouge Police Department Corporal Betty Smothers and the death penalty convictions for three Colombian nationals who murdered federal drug informant Barry Seal. She will also continue her duties as Section Chief of the Special Investigations Division of the office.

**Tracey Ewing Barbera** has been appointed to the position of First Assistant District Attorney for Sections. In her new position, Mrs. Barbera will be responsible for supervising the efforts of the organizational sections (trials, sex crimes, juvenile, appellate, family law, pre-trial intervention, and stop rape crisis) of the office. She brings to her position over 17 years of prosecutorial experience with significant cases, including the recent conviction of the murderer of local blues singer Jackie Neal. She will also continue her duties as Section Chief of Criminal Section II of the office as well as represent the office on the Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council and on the ICARE advisory board.

**Mark Dumaine** has been appointed to the position of First Assistant District Attorney for Administration. In his new position, Mr. Dumaine will be responsible for supervising the administrative functions and the day to day operations of the office. He brings with him over 10 years of prosecutorial experience, including the convictions of the murderers of the owner of “Urban Sports,” the founding of the parish-wide Operation Club Drug Taskforce, and the first GHB drug distribution murder convictions. In addition, he brings to this position over 13 years of human resources management with business and industry. He will also continue to handle selected cases for the office.

**Darwin Miller** has been appointed to the position of Section Chief, Section I. Mr. Miller brings with him over 18 years of prosecutorial experience, including the first Ecstasy drug distribution murder convictions.

These appointments will become effective January 16, 2008.

Doug Moreau  
District Attorney