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LAWRENCE BROWN SWORN IN AS ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of California announced today that Lawrence G. Brown, 44, of Sacramento, was sworn in today as Acting United States Attorney. First Assistant United States Attorney since March 2003, Brown served as second-in-command of the office under United States Attorney McGregor Scott. Scott, a Bush appointee, announced his resignation in late October, becoming a partner at the Sacramento office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliff, effective today. During his time in the office, Brown has prosecuted bank fraud, child exploitation, and counterfeiting cases and last summer successfully co-tried the political corruption case, *United States v. Julie Lee*, involving the illegal transfer of state grant funds into the campaign account of former Secretary of State Kevin Shelley. Brown also has appeared on several occasions before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal.

The Department of Justice appointed Brown as Acting U.S. Attorney until August 2009, unless a presidentially appointed U.S. Attorney is installed prior to then, at which time Brown would resume his duties as First Assistant. The Eastern District covers 34 counties throughout the Central Valley, from the Oregon border to the north to Kern County to the south. The office has 80 attorneys and equal number of non-attorney staff, with headquarters in Sacramento and a branch office in Fresno.

Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Brown served as executive director of the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA), headquartered in Sacramento, from 1996-2003. In that role, Brown represented the 58 District Attorney offices of California, frequently testifying before the California Legislature and providing media commentary on criminal justice matters. Brown began his career as deputy district attorney in Ventura County from 1989-1994, prosecuting a wide array of misdemeanor and felony offenses.

Stated Brown, “To serve as Acting United States Attorney is a great honor. This is a tremendous office comprised of talented men and women who do the bidding of the United States in federal court each and every day.”

Brown, a native of Santa Rosa, received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Public Service in 1986 from the University of California, Davis and his law degree from U.C. Davis King Hall School of Law in 1989. In 1999, he was honored by the law school as the Distinguished Alumni of the Year; he has taught a course on legislative process at the school since 1998.

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