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## **FEDERAL PROSECUTOR RECEIVES MICHAEL BRADFORD MEMORIAL AWARD**

(Beaumont, Texas) U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that **MALCOLM BALES**, Chief of the Criminal Division and Acting First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, has received the 2004 Mike Bradford Memorial Award from the National Association of Former United States Attorneys (NAFUSA).

The NAFUSA was created in 1979 and is comprised of former United States Attorneys from across the nation. The NAFUSA gives an award each year to a federal prosecutor they believe upholds the values and goals of the organization. This year, the award was renamed in memory of former United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, J. Michael Bradford.

Bales received the award at the NAFUSA Annual Conference recently held in Asheville, North Carolina. In the past, keynote speakers have included Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, U.S. Customs Commissioner Robert Bonner, and DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson. This year, former United States Attorney General Janet Reno addressed the gathering.

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Upon announcing Bales' selection to receive the award, NAFUSA President Margaret Currin stated the award is, "...presented to an Assistant United States Attorney in recognition of his conscientious and professional contributions exemplifying the ideals of NAFUSA by furthering the integrity and effectiveness of the Office of the U.S. Attorney and the U.S. Department of Justice."

**U.S. Attorney Matt Orwig says Bales is most deserving of the 2004 Mike Bradford Award, "Malcolm Bales is an asset to the Eastern District of Texas and the Department of Justice. He serves with integrity, honesty and loyalty - just as Mike Bradford did."**

In addition to his duties as Chief of the Criminal Division and Acting First Assistant United States Attorney, Bales handles an active general crimes docket and manages the Lufkin Division. He was instrumental in organizing recovery efforts during the search for Space Shuttle Columbia debris in 2003. Malcolm and his wife, Betsy, are the parents of six children and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a granddaughter.

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