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## **IPAC Announces New Assistant Executive Director**

Former Marion, Johnson county deputy prosecutor Courtney Curtis selected

(INDIANAPOLIS – Sept. 4, 2019) – The Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council has selected a new Assistant Executive Director to replace Chris Naylor, who will take over as IPAC Executive Director next month.

Courtney Curtis, a deputy prosecutor in Marion County and, most recently, Johnson County, was hired at the conclusion of IPAC's three-month selection process in August. September 3 was her first official day on staff. Curtis will assume IPAC's number two role with Naylor replacing current Executive Director Dave Powell, who is stepping down in October.

Curtis brings a wealth of leadership experience to IPAC having been a Division Chief in the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. She has been a prosecutor since 2004 and has handled a litany of cases from misdemeanors to murder and rape cases. The majority of her career has been spent handling homicides as well as crimes against women and children and Curtis is passionate about protecting victims. While in Johnson County, Curtis was a member of the Special Victim's Unit

"I'm excited to announce that Courtney Curtis has joined the IPAC leadership team," said Chris Naylor. "Courtney brings a tremendous combination of prosecutorial experience and passion for trial skills development that will advance the efforts of Indiana's prosecutors and their staff."

As Assistant Executive Director, Curtis will take an active role in planning IPAC's many training sessions and conferences. Curtis has been a valuable faculty member in the past for IPAC's trial advocacy courses and has presented at trainings and conferences nationwide throughout the course of her career. IPAC hosts a summer and winter conference, three to five trial advocacy courses throughout the year as well as several other one-day trainings tailored to the needs of Indiana's prosecutors.

Curtis attended Indiana University where she obtained her bachelor's degree and received her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Maurer Law School at Indiana University in Bloomington.

**About the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council:** The IPAC is a non-partisan, independent state judicial branch agency that supports Indiana's 91 prosecuting attorneys and their chief deputies. It is governed by a 10-member board of directors of elected prosecuting attorneys. The IPAC assists prosecuting attorneys in the preparation of manuals, legal research and training seminars. It serves as a

liaison to local, state, and federal agencies, study commissions, and community groups in an effort to support law enforcement and promote the fair administration of justice.

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