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FRESNO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WELCOMES TWO NEW ATTORNEYS AND LAUNCHES NEW CRIMINAL AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS UNIT

Fresno, California - The City Attorney's Office proudly announces the swearing in of two newly hired attorneys. John F. Tully III and Ashley Sue Paulson will join the legal team in service to the City of Fresno and report directly to City Attorney Andrew Janz. Their appointments mark a step forward in expanding the City Attorney's Office capabilities.

John F Tully III: Prior to joining the Fresno City Attorney's Office, John spent over 18 years in public service at the Fresno County District Attorney's Office. As a Deputy District Attorney, John was assigned to a wide array of teams prosecuting cases ranging from violent crimes such as attempted murder, mayhem, and robbery to narcotics trafficking, asset forfeiture, and financial crimes. John earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from San Diego State University before returning to Fresno, where he obtained a Juris Doctor from San Joaquin College of Law. He later graduated with honors from the Craig School of Business at California State University, Fresno, earning a Master of Business Administration.

Ashley Sue Paulson: Prior to joining the City Attorney's Office, Ashley was a Senior Deputy District Attorney with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office. Ashley served as a Deputy District Attorney for just over ten years. For the past five years, Ashley was assigned to the Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium where she specialized in the prosecution of gang and human trafficking cases. During the course of her career, she has conducted approximately 50 jury trials and grand jury proceedings. She is a Criminal Law Specialist through the California State Bar. Ashley currently serves as a board member for the Fresno County Women Lawyers Association. She graduated from

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Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, California, after earning a bachelor's degree in English from the University California Irvine.

In conjunction with these appointments, the City Attorney's Office is also announcing the formation of a new specialized Criminal and Special Assignments Unit. The unit is designed to focus on Fresno Municipal Code Prosecution and special assignments such as Wage Theft Prosecution.

City Attorney Andrew Janz stated, "We are excited to welcome these two talented attorneys to our office. Their experience and energy will be instrumental in furthering our mission for the betterment of our community and protecting the City of Fresno."

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Photos attached.