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## **ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION** **HIRES MOLLY EDWARDS AS PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER**

**Phoenix, AZ, Wednesday, October 31, 2018** – Arizona Criminal Justice Commission announced that Molly E. Edwards was named Public Information Officer/Legislative Liaison.

With more than 17 years experience in government affairs and media relations, Edwards served as the Program Director for the O'Connor Institute, Public Information Officer for the Arizona Department of Education, and Press Secretary at the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

Executive Director, Andrew LeFevre stated, "Molly is a great addition to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission team. Her passion for working to serve our citizens, her understanding of the criminal justice system and law enforcement, along with her dedication to public service and experience working with the media are strong assets. I am extremely pleased to have someone of Molly's caliber on our team."

Her background includes a term as president of the World Affairs Council and completion of the Global Leadership Executive Program at the Thunderbird Garvin School of International Management. She is a recent graduate of the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy, as well as a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, Valley Leadership and Scottsdale Leadership. In 2007, she was chosen by the Phoenix Business Journal as one of its "40 under 40" honorees.

Edwards earned a degree in Urban Planning and Environmental design from Arizona State University and is currently a Master's/Ph.D. candidate in the political science program at Northern Arizona University.

*Created in 1982, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is a statutorily authorized entity mandated to carry out various coordinating, monitoring and reporting functions regarding the administration and management of criminal justice programs in Arizona. The ACJC serves as a resource and service organization for Arizona's criminal justice community on a myriad of issues ranging from drugs, gangs and victim assistance to criminal history, and crime laboratory enhancements.*

*Our mission is to continuously address, improve, sustain and enhance public safety in the State of Arizona through the coordination, cohesiveness, and effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System*