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ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP FOR 2020

***Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk Re-elected Chairperson and
Maricopa Police Chief Steve Stahl Elected as New Vice-Chairperson***

Phoenix, AZ, Tuesday, January 28, 2020 – Today, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) announced that Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk was re-elected to a second term as the Commission’s Chairperson and City of Maricopa Chief of Police Steve Stahl was elected as Vice-Chairperson at the Commission’s January meeting. Both will serve a two year term in their respective positions.

“County Attorney Polk and Chief Stahl bring a tremendous amount of criminal justice experience and knowledge to their leadership positions at the Commission,” said Andrew LeFevre, Executive Director of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. “I look forward to working with them and the rest of the Commission members to support our work to continue to be the leading criminal justice agency in the state.”

Sheila Polk became the first woman to be elected to the position of Yavapai County Attorney in November of 2000, and is now in her 20th year in that position. She is Chair of the Governor’s Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership, founding member of MATFORCE, Chair of the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council, past president of the Arizona County Attorneys and Sheriffs Association, and was appointed by Governor Jan Brewer to serve on ACJC in May of 2012.

Ms. Polk, County Attorney for Yavapai County, is a native Arizonan who received her Bachelor’s Degree and Law Degree from Arizona State University in Tempe. After clerking for Arizona Supreme Court Justice Jack Hays, Ms. Polk served in the Arizona Attorney General’s Office for eleven years before moving to Yavapai County in 1994. There, she joined the Yavapai County Attorney’s Office where she specialized in the prosecution of felony crimes, including elder abuse, sexual offenses and repeat felony offenders.

“It is truly an honor to be re-elected as Chair for ACJC,” said County Attorney Polk. “I especially appreciate the unanimous vote of confidence from my colleagues statewide ratifying our efforts at ACJC to be the leading voice for Arizona’s criminal justice community and victims of crime.”

City of Maricopa Chief of Police Steve Stahl has served as the Chief of Police for the City of Maricopa since October of 2011, first serving as Interim Chief. He accepted the Chief of

Police position in February of 2012. Chief Stahl came to Maricopa PD from the City of Mesa, where he spent 24 ½ years and was promoted to Commander there in 2007. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Police Executive Research Forum, and the National Tactical Officers Association. He has served as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Maricopa Community College for more than 15 years and is a facilitator for IACP/AZ POST Leadership in Police Organizations. Chief Stahl has been actively involved with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for four years and was appointed by Governor Ducey in 2018.

“I am honored to have been elected by my peers to serve as the new Vice-Chair of ACJC,” said City of Maricopa Police Chief Steve Stahl. “The organization has an outstanding reputation for its research and administration of important criminal justice dollars. Together, our focus is to maximize those dollars and the research to enhance public safety throughout Arizona.”

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Created in 1982, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) 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.