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**Alaska Attorney General Appoints New Anchorage
District Attorney**

(Anchorage, AK) – Attorney General Gregg D. Renkes today named Leonard Marbury “Bob” Linton Jr. as the new Anchorage District Attorney. “Bob is a dedicated public servant who has spent over 25 years fighting to keep Anchorage safe,” said Renkes.

Since 1978, Linton has served as a prosecutor for the state in Anchorage. During his tenure, he has successfully prosecuted a number of high profile cases. In 1989, his work as supervisor of the state investigation of the grounding of the Exxon Valdez led to the prosecution of Captain Joseph Hazelwood. More recently, in 2001, Linton secured murder convictions against Russell Carlson and Robert Richardson for killing while driving under the influence of alcohol.

“Bob’s commitment to Anchorage and extensive record of putting criminals behind bars clearly demonstrated to me that he is the right man for the job,” said Renkes. “He will be a pivotal part of our continued efforts to ensure that Alaska remains a safe place to live.”

Prior to coming to Alaska, Linton served as a law clerk for United States District Judge Edward S. Northup in Baltimore from 1969 to 1970, and then as an Assistant United States Attorney in Maryland from 1970 to 1975. He transferred to the U.S. Attorney’s office in Alaska in 1975. In 1977, he spent one year as an associate with the Anchorage firm of Bradbury and Bliss before moving to the Anchorage District Attorney’s office in February, 1978.

He received his law degree in 1969 from the University of Maryland School of Law and received a B.A. in liberal arts from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland in 1965.

Linton replaces Susan Parkes who was named Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Division in May. He will officially begin work as the Anchorage district attorney on Monday, August 4, 2003.

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