



Lynne Abraham, Longtime Philadelphia District Attorney, Joins Archer

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PHILADELPHIA – Former longtime Philadelphia District Attorney **Lynne M. Abraham** is joining the law firm of Archer as a Partner based in the firm's Philadelphia office in One Liberty Place, firm President Gary J. Lesneski and Chairman James H. Carll announced today.

A lifelong Philadelphian, Ms. Abraham joins Archer following a distinguished career in public service that began shortly after she graduated from Temple Law School in 1965. Since 1991, Ms. Abraham has served as Philadelphia District Attorney, the first woman to hold the position. Originally appointed by Philadelphia judges in May 1991, she won election in November 1991 to an unexpired term and was re-elected to four, four-year terms before announcing she would not seek re-election last November. Her 18-year tenure as district attorney, which ended yesterday, is the longest in modern city history.

As leader of the largest prosecutor's office in Pennsylvania and one of the largest in the nation, employing approximately 600 and handling more than 75,000 cases a year, Ms. Abraham forged a reputation as a tough and effective yet compassionate protector of public safety for more than 1.5 million citizens of the City and County of Philadelphia. Among her myriad accomplishments, Ms. Abraham was one of the first district attorneys in the country to form a non-profit foundation operating in a district attorney's office when she founded Urban Genesis Inc. to promote community leadership and provide grants to fund projects to improve neighborhoods and help the needy.

At Archer, Ms. Abraham will concentrate her practice on government relations, mediation, litigation and trial strategy and tactics, as well as appellate advocacy. Ms. Abraham will also continue to work in the private sector to promote legislative initiatives aimed at preventing gun violence and curbing the activities of Internet sexual predators.

"I am pleased to be joining Archer, with its long history and excellent reputation in the Delaware Valley for providing high-quality, cost-effective and client-oriented legal services," Ms. Abraham said. "I look forward to

bringing my positive energy and years of practical experience to my new role, and being part of the firm's ongoing commitment to grow its Philadelphia and Pennsylvania practice."

"We are very proud to have Lynne Abraham, an outstanding lawyer and public servant, join Archer," said Mr. Lesneski, firm President. "She will be an invaluable asset to the development of our Philadelphia office, and will help us continue to expand and enhance our full-service capabilities throughout the region."

Archer is a full-service, regional law firm, ranked among the 15 largest law firms in the Delaware Valley with 178 attorneys and 381 total employees in seven offices, including its headquarters in Haddonfield, N.J., approximately 10 miles east of Philadelphia, and its 32-lawyer Philadelphia office on the 32nd floor of One Liberty Place. The firm also has offices in Princeton and Flemington, N.J., as well as New York City and Wilmington and Georgetown, Del. Archer services the legal needs of a diversified client base, from individuals, public agencies and nonprofits to corporate clients that include some of the world's largest companies.

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