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The Attorney General is pleased to announce that Jim Smith has been named full-time Solicitor General for the State of Nebraska. The Solicitor General has the responsibility to oversee and direct civil appeals in the Attorney General's Office. The Solicitor General handles all appellate matters involving the death penalty, as well as federal habeas corpus claims.

"Jim Smith has extensive experience trying cases both at the trial level and appeals in state and federal court. I look forward to Jim bringing his vast years of experience to the position of Solicitor General," said General Peterson.

Additionally, bureau chiefs have been named for the Criminal Bureau, Civil Litigation Bureau and the Consumer Protection Bureau.

Corey O'Brien has been selected as the new Criminal Bureau Chief. A graduate of Creighton University School of Law, Corey has been with the Attorney General's Office since 2003 assisting law enforcement and county attorneys in complex prosecutions, including homicide, sexual assault, robbery, public corruption, narcotics, firearms and child exploitation. Since 2013, Corey has been cross-designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the areas of child exploitation, narcotics and firearms.

The new Civil Litigation Bureau Chief is Mr. Ryan Post. A graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law, Ryan has served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Bureau since 2011, having developed significant trial and appellate litigation expertise in both state and federal court.

The new Consumer Protection Bureau Chief is Ms. Meghan Stoppel. A graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law, Meghan brings significant experience in a variety of consumer protection, data privacy and antitrust matters having served eight years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division of the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

"We are tasked with challenging and wide-ranging responsibilities on a daily basis as we protect, preserve and promote public safety in Nebraska. Our AGO Bureau Chiefs bring years of experience, dedication and great skill to doing their jobs," stated General Peterson.

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