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**President Obama Appointee
Prince George's County Deputy State's Attorney J. Patricia Wilson Smoot
To be Sworn in Today for the United States Parole Commission**

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Glenn F. Ivey, State's Attorney for Prince George's County, has announced the appointment, confirmation and swearing-in today of Prince George's County Deputy State's Attorney J. Patricia Wilson Smoot as a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission at the U.S. Department of Justice. The ceremony happens today at 2:30 PM in the Office of the Attorney General for the United States.

"The county's loss is the nation's gain. Trish Smoot was a tremendous asset to my office. Her contributions in and out of the courtroom will have an enduring impact not only in the State's Attorney's Office but also in the legal community in Prince George's County and throughout the state of Maryland. As part of the US Parole Commission, Trish will be firm, fair and consistent in the pursuit of justice. Her unwavering commitment to the public is evidenced by her previous service in the Office of the Public Defender, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and for the last eight years in my office as my Deputy. I commend President Obama in his choice of J. Patricia Wilson Smoot for Commissioner of the US Parole Commission and congratulate her in joining this historic administration," said Glenn F. Ivey.

Ms. Smoot, until today, was Deputy State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland, one of the largest prosecutor's offices in the State of Maryland. She was appointed to the position by State's Attorney, Glenn F. Ivey, in 2002 where she oversaw the Sex Offense and Child Abuse Unit, the Domestic Violence Unit, the Juvenile Division, and the District Court Division.

From 1994 to 2002, she was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia. She served with distinction as a trial attorney and received a Department of Justice Special Achievement Award in 1998. Ms. Smoot served as Deputy Chief of the Misdemeanor Division and Assistant Director of Professional Development. She was a member of the Senior Staff of the United States Attorney, serving as Director of Professional Development where she was responsible for attorney movement and management of the training programs for the 700-person office.

She also served as a Public Defender in Prince George's County, Maryland, as an associate in a tort defense litigation firm and as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Susan R. Holmes Winfield in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

As a result of her work in and outside of the office, Ms. Smoot was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the Daily Record in 2008. She has served on a number of boards and committees including the National Black Prosecutors Association, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Abuse, Prince George's County Criminal Coordination Council, and the Prince George's County Domestic Fatality Review Team. In early 2010, Maryland Governor Martin O' Malley appointed her to the Sex Offender Advisory Board. Ms. Smoot holds a B.A. degree in

English and Sociology with a concentration in Legal Studies from Bucknell University and a J.D. degree from Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America.

In January 2010, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate Ms. Smoot for the position of Commissioner for the United States Parole Commission in the Department of Justice. Ms. Smoot was confirmed by the United States Senate on September 16, 2010.

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