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## **Attorney General Racine Taps Prominent Litigator Natalie Ludaway to Serve as Chief Deputy Attorney General**

*Ludaway Has Served as Managing Member of Leftwich & Ludaway for Nearly 20 Years*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Attorney General Karl A. Racine today announced that he was naming Leftwich & Ludaway LLC Managing Member Natalie Ludaway as his Chief Deputy Attorney General. In the role, Ms. Ludaway will serve as the Attorney General’s deputy.

**“Natalie is a brilliant attorney who has managed a top-quality law firm for nearly two decades, and her experience will serve the District well as we continue to build a first-rate public law firm here at the Office of the Attorney General,”** Attorney General Racine said. **“I have known Natalie for years, having served with her on the Judicial Nomination Commission, and I look forward to working with her in this new role. She possesses the keen intellect, intense competitiveness, high energy and practical wisdom necessary for this job.”**

Ms. Ludaway has served in her current role with Leftwich & Ludaway and its predecessor since 1996. Prior to that, she served as a partner and associate with the firm. She has been named one of the region’s top practitioners in civil litigation defense, employment law, and general litigation.

She also – along with Pauline Schneider – served as a Co-Chair of Attorney General Racine’s Transition Team.

A longtime civic leader in the District, Ms. Ludaway has served for nearly a decade as a member of the District’s Judicial Nomination Commission (JNC), which screens and recommends candidates for appointment as judges on the D.C. Superior Court and the D.C. Court of Appeals. She also served two terms on the D.C. Court of Appeals Committee on Admissions; is a former Chair of the D.C. Chamber of Commerce; and is a member and former officer of the Greater Washington Area Chapter (GWAC) of the National Bar Association’s Women Lawyers Division. She was the recipient of GWAC’s prestigious Charlotte E. Ray Award.

“I have known Natalie for more than 30 years as an outstanding lawyer who has frequently appeared before me on the three courts I have been honored to serve; she has earned a stellar reputation in the legal

community for her legal skills, integrity and ethics,” said U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan, who serves as Chair of the Judicial Nomination Commission. “The Attorney General of the District of Columbia and its citizens are indeed most fortunate to have Natalie Ludaway serve the District as its Chief Deputy Attorney General.”

Ms. Ludaway also serves as the Co-Chair of the Women’s Advisory Board of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital. “Natalie's passion for helping girls and women makes life better for all,” said Lidio Soto-Harmon, CEO of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital. “She diligently supports her daughter’s Girl Scout troop, making a difference in her community. We are so proud of her appointment, and we know she will do great things for the District of Columbia.”

D.C. Chamber of Commerce President Harry Wingo also congratulated the Attorney General on selecting Ms. Ludaway. “I am very excited to hear that Ms. Ludaway will be joining the AG’s team,” Mr. Wingo said. “Her experience, keen intellect and commitment to the city make her a fantastic choice for this important position.”

A Ward 3 resident, Ms. Ludaway earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and economics as well as a master’s degree in economics from Hunter College in New York. She earned her J.D. from The George Washington University School of Law.

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