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Jim Burch Named OJP Deputy Assistant Attorney General



BJA is pleased to announce that Assistant Attorney General Laurie O. Robinson has selected Jim Burch as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Operations and Management for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Jim leaves a long and proud legacy behind him at BJA and his strong leadership and passion for our mission have made BJA the extraordinary bureau it is today.

Jim has dedicated his professional career, which includes nearly 17 years at OJP, to bringing state, local, and tribal needs and understanding to the forefront of our efforts and, as a result, serving local justice and public safety in a more responsive and responsible manner. In his roles as Deputy Director for Policy and as Acting Director at BJA, Jim oversaw efforts designed to provide leadership in criminal justice policy, training, and technical assistance and to further the administration of justice. Jim's vision has made BJA an important force for the development and implementation of evidenced-based criminal justice policy and has focused on our core grant-management responsibilities that have resulted in more responsible grants management and improved responsiveness to our grantees.

Jim's most notable accomplishments include leading BJA in its administration of over \$2 billion in Recovery Act funding, substantially increasing BJA's communications efforts, and expanding BJA's performance management efforts, including the creation and launch of "GrantStat," a CompStat-like strategy to improve program performance and accountability. The relationships Jim has encouraged and fostered over the years continue to benefit all of us.

Much of what BJA has accomplished in recent years is due to the vision and leadership of Jim Burch," said Denise O'Donnell, BJA's Director. "Although Jim's loss will leave a huge void at BJA, we are confident that his extraordinary abilities will benefit the entire OJP family."

Please join us here at BJA in congratulating Jim for his willingness to take on the challenges that await him as OJP's new Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Operations and Management. Jim will officially begin his new duties on September 6, 2011.