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### **Summit County Prosecutor's Office to Help Train Others in Battling the Opioid Crisis**

*Chief Assistant Prosecutor Margaret Scott to Take Part in National Training*

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, October 31, 2017) – The opioid crisis has hit epidemic proportions in Summit County. In response, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office has taken an aggressive approach in holding drug dealers accountable for peddling this deadly poison in our community. Members of the Prosecutor's Office continuously undergo training to better understand the challenges of handling these cases.

Now, our experience will help others across the country. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Margaret Scott has been invited to present her expertise on the opioid crisis at the National Association of Attorneys General training. This training is being held in Topeka, Kansas. Ms. Scott will present on the legal issues concerning the investigation and prosecution of overdose deaths. Ms. Scott's understanding of the issue will provide those in attendance the tools needed to help keep their communities safe.

"My office has prosecuted nearly 50 involuntary manslaughter cases involving drug related deaths. My hope is that our experience will help other prosecutors use this as one tool to combat the opioid crisis," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Margaret is the perfect choice to help train others understand the best practices when it comes to prosecuting these cases."

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**ABOUT MARGARET SCOTT –**

Margaret Scott joined the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office in 2003 having nearly a decade of civil and criminal experience. She began her tenure as a courtroom prosecutor assigned to the Child Abuse Unit and later became a supervisor with the Violent Crimes Unit. After having handled thousands of cases, Margaret currently serves as Chief Assistant Prosecutor for the Criminal Division. She also serves as Program Coordinator for the felony Domestic Violence Court and is a member of the Akron Bar Association. Margaret is a graduate of Class XI of the Child and Family Leadership Exchange. Margaret was a 2006 Summit County High Point Award recipient and received the prosecutor of the year honor in 2014 from the Rape Crisis Center of Medina and Summit Counties.

**ABOUT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL –**

The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) was founded in 1907 to help attorneys general fulfill the responsibilities of their office and to assist in the delivery of high-quality legal services to the states and territorial jurisdictions. The Association provides a forum for the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and insights on subjects of importance to the attorneys general of the states, territories, and district. It fosters local, state, and federal engagement, cooperation, and communication on legal and law enforcement issues. It provides training, research, and analysis to members and their staffs on a wide range of subjects relevant to the practice areas of the attorneys general offices.