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## Suffolk Names New Deputy City Attorney

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (October 18, 2010)—The City of Suffolk is pleased to announce the selection of a new Deputy City Attorney. City Attorney C. Edward Roettger, Jr., has appointed William E. Hutchings, Jr., to the post. Hutchings will begin his new position October 20, 2010, subject to confirmation by City Council. The swearing in ceremony is scheduled for Council Chambers on October 22nd at 3 p.m.

Hutchings is currently an Assistant City Attorney with Suffolk. He has represented the city in litigation in both state and federal courts since 2006. In making the appointment, City Attorney Edward Roettger says, "William's outstanding work in Suffolk the last four years distinguished him among a number of highly qualified candidates as the ideal person to take on these new responsibilities. William is a respected member of the City Staff and the community. He will continue to impress me and others with his service to Suffolk in this new role".

Before joining Suffolk, Hutchings practiced law with the firm of Saunders & Schmieler, P.C. in Silver Springs, Maryland. He represented clients in the courts of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Hutchings earned a Juris Doctor from the George Washington University Law School and a Bachelor of Science in political science from Old Dominion University. He, his wife Melissa and their two young daughters live in Suffolk.

## About the Suffolk City Attorney's Office

The City Attorney, as head of the Department of Law, is the chief legal advisor of the City Council, the City Manager, and all department directors, commissions, and agencies of the City in all matters that affect the interest of the City. The City Attorney also currently serves as the chief legal counsel to the Suffolk Economic Development Authority.

The Department of Law institutes and defends all legal proceedings that it deems necessary and proper to protect the interests of the City, and performs other functions as required by Council and requested by the City Manager.

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