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SUFFOLK CITY ATTORNEY PART OF VIRGINIA LAW FOUNDATION FELLOWS CLASS OF 2017

SUFFOLK, VA (January 19, 2017) Suffolk City Attorney Helivi L. Holland has been selected to become a member of the Virginia Law Foundation Fellows Class of 2017. The selection received recommendation of the Virginia Law Foundation's Fellows Committee and the unanimous vote of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Holland will receive the award at a ceremony as part of the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Bar Association in Williamsburg, Virginia today, January 19, 2017.

Holland, a Suffolk native, was sworn in as City Attorney on March 16, 2012. Prior to serving as City Attorney, Holland was the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) following an appointment in 2010 by Governor Bob McDonnell. There she was tasked with overseeing 2,200 state employees, three halfway houses in Staunton, Roanoke and Norfolk, as well as nine residential programs.

She graduated from John F. Kennedy High School and Virginia Tech, as well as the College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law. As a practicing attorney in the Commonwealth since 1991, Ms. Holland has served in the legal community as a

senior prosecutor, an adjunct professor, a deputy city attorney and as a guardian ad litem.

As a prosecutor for more than ten years, Ms. Holland served in the Portsmouth and Suffolk Offices of the Commonwealth's Attorney. In addition to writing and managing grants in each office, she prosecuted major juvenile crimes in Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and Circuit Court. Her prosecutorial style and training skills on criminal prosecution earned her the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice's Victim Assistance Award and the NOBLE National Lloyd Sealy Award and the Community Services Award for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For more than 12 years, Ms. Holland served as an adjunct professor at Paul D. Camp Community College. She taught on two campuses as well as at a correctional facility of the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Holland has been active in the community, having served on the board of directors of The Children's Center, Suffolk Education Foundation, Suffolk Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Genieve Shelter. She regularly speaks and trains on various subjects of law relating to juvenile crimes, domestic violence, child welfare, juvenile delinquency and juvenile re-entry. Additionally, she is a proud member of First Baptist Church, Mahan Street, in Suffolk, and a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in the Suffolk Alumnae Chapter.

Each year since 1984, the Virginia Law Foundation identifies and recognizes a group of lawyers who have distinguished themselves in their practices and with a demonstrated dedication to public service.

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