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**Governor Jan Brewer Announces
Director of Boards and Commissions, Deputy Director of
Legislative Affairs, Policy Advisor on Regulatory Affairs, Deputy
Director of Southern Arizona Office**

PHOENIX - Arizona Governor Jan Brewer announced several additions to her administration, naming Linda Stiles as Director of Boards and Commissions, Rebecca Hecksel as Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Jeri Kishiyama Auther as Policy Advisor on Regulatory Affairs and Jim Marten as Deputy Director of the Governor's Southern Arizona Office.

"These individuals are all very familiar with state government and will be great assets to my office and to the people of Arizona," stated Brewer. "Linda Stiles brings a diverse range of expertise and years of experience in public service and state operations. Rebecca Hecksel has extensive experience in building legislative and community relationships and in fiscal analysis. Jeri Auther is a respected professional with a strong legal background and knowledge of Arizona administrative law. And Jim Marten brings a wealth of knowledge about Southern Arizona issues and years of experience in office management."

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Stiles worked as investigator and Assistant Ombudsman in the Arizona State Legislature's Office of the Ombudsman, providing assistance to citizens having difficulties with state agencies and ensuring state agencies were following statute and appropriate policies and procedures. She also worked for seven years in the Governor's Office as Director of Community and Family Programs, Director of the Division for Children, Special Assistant for Appointments to Boards and Commissions and Manager of Constituent Services.

Throughout her career, Ms. Stiles has been active on several state and advisory boards, including the New Day Educational Center, the Arizona Project for Infant Immunization and the Joint Legislative Committee for Child Care Licensure. Most recently she served as Executive Director of the Arizona Optometric Association and Executive Director of Arizona Clean and Beautiful, where she currently serves on the Board.

Ms. Stiles received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with double minors in Communications and Journalism from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She resides in Phoenix with her husband and three children.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Hecksel worked as a senior associate at DeMenna & Associates, representing various clients at the Arizona State Legislature. During her time there, she conducted economic analysis on legislative proposals, drafted proposed legislation and represented a wide range of clients, including city government, health care, education, financial institutions, non-profit groups and tourism.

Ms. Hecksel also has a strong background in financial analysis and economic forecasting. She has served as an economist at the City of Phoenix, monitoring and forecasting revenues and predicting short and long-term economic conditions. Before her time at the City, Ms. Hecksel served as a campaign financial analyst at the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, interpreting Arizona campaign finance laws and as a fiscal analyst in the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, developing recommendations to the Legislature for the budgets of state agencies and writing reports for legislators estimating the cost and economic impact of each bill.

A native of Arizona, Ms. Hecksel received her Bachelors degree in Economics and Statistics from Arizona State University, where she also earned her Masters in Business Administration with a focus on international business.

Most recently, Ms. Jeri Kishiyama Auther worked as an associate attorney specializing in administrative law, natural resources and energy at the Law Office of Robert S. Lynch and Associates. She began her legal career as an Assistant Attorney General in the Insurance Defense Section for the State of Arizona and later moved to the Antitrust Division, where she litigated complex antitrust matters. She later served as General Counsel to the Department of Health Services, exercising her knowledge of healthcare antitrust issues and state administrative law.

Ms. Auther also worked as a staff attorney for the Governor's Regulatory Review Council, where she was assigned as staff analyst to approximately 33 agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, Medical Board, Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation. She gained experience in local government issues working as a staff attorney for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, where she worked on a variety of issues, including employer sanctions implementation and county island fire districts. She is very active in the community, currently serving on the Asian Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board, the Arizona Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens' League, City of Phoenix Pacific Rim Advisory Council, and the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club.

A second-generation Arizonan, Ms. Auther graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and later received her Juris Doctorate also from Arizona State University. She resides in Phoenix with her three children.

Mr. Jim Marten has lived in Tucson for 17 years and enjoys tremendous depth and experience in Southern Arizona issues and the unique needs of Southern Arizona communities. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Marten worked as Manager of then Secretary of State Jan Brewer's Southern Arizona Office. While there,

Mr. Marten provided his services as a certified election officer and provided assistance to Southern Arizona businesses, overseeing notary services and the registration and processing of partnerships and charitable organizations. He also proved his ability to act as a liaison between numerous Southern Arizona communities.

Mr. Marten received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Arizona. He resides in Tucson with his wife and son.

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