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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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### **Commission Hires Timothy La Sota as Acting General Counsel and Acting Director of Legal Division**

(Phoenix) The Corporation Commission names seasoned attorney Timothy La Sota acting general counsel and acting director of the Legal Division.

La Sota, an attorney for the past 16 years, has established himself as one of the top governmental affairs attorneys in the state, having advised numerous governmental bodies on Arizona and federal law including open meetings laws, public records laws, and conflicts of interest law. Mr. La Sota has successfully represented various governmental entities in litigation, and has handled cases from Superior Court to the Arizona Supreme Court.

La Sota built his own successful private practice at Timothy La Sota, PLC specializing in election law, and government relations and litigation. He previously worked with Phoenix-based Tiffany & Bosco PA and Scottsdale-based Rose Law Group. Prior to that, La Sota worked as a Special Assistant County Attorney in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and as Chief of Staff to Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane. He graduated law school from Arizona State University and serves on the Board of Directors of Goodwill of Central Arizona. He is married with three children.

“Timothy La Sota is a true pro,” said Chairman Tom Forese. “My priority as Chairman is accountability and Mr. La Sota will be a key player in dispelling any misperceptions about this Commission and its Staff while ensuring the highest integrity in the often complicated and sensitive matters that come before us.”

La Sota’s role at the Commission will include providing counsel to Commissioners and the Executive Director and will work with staff on legal issues connected to each of the Commission’s Divisions.

“Mr. La Sota will be an excellent fit for the needs of our Legal Division,” said Executive Director Ted Vogt. “His level of experience will bring a progressive perspective to the detailed work that is required from our Staff in making decisions and providing the excellence in counsel which serves our Commission to make decisions that ultimately serve our residents.”

La Sota begins on January 5, 2017.