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***PINTO NAMED SUPER LAWYERS RISING STAR FOR 2010***

**St. Paul, Minnesota, December 9, 2009** – Dave Pinto, a domestic violence prosecutor in the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office and candidate for Ramsey County Attorney, recently announced that he has been named a ‘Rising Star’ by Minnesota Law and Politics Magazine for 2010. Pinto is one of only three individuals in the state to receive the honor in the area of criminal prosecution. This is the second consecutive year he has received this honor.

Minnesota Rising Stars are nominated by lawyers on the Minnesota Law and Politics Magazine Super Lawyers list. ‘Rising Stars’ are recognized as the best attorneys in Minnesota who are under 40 years of age or have been practicing 10 or fewer years in their state or region.

A Ramsey County native, Pinto has earned a reputation as an aggressive yet thoughtful prosecutor. He specializes in domestic violence cases where children are present, working to break the cycle of violence in these families.

Pinto was previously in private practice with Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P. in Minneapolis, where he built a diverse practice representing and advising a number of public and private organizations. Pinto received that firm's pro bono award for contributing hundreds of hours of free legal services to disadvantaged individuals and non-profit organizations.

Pinto is seeking the DFL endorsement for Ramsey County Attorney in 2010.

For more information about Pinto and his plan for leading the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office, please visit <http://www.davepinto.com>.

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