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**SECRETARY OF THE STATE BYSIEWICZ SWEARS IN
BLOOMFIELD ATTORNEY LESLEY D. MARA AS NEW
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE STATE**

New deputy has distinguished record of state service



HARTFORD - Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today swore in Lesley D. Mara of Bloomfield as the new Deputy Secretary of the State. Ms. Mara comes to the Secretary of the State's office with a distinguished record of service to the state, including serving as Superintendent of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School and Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Additionally, Ms. Mara served as the founding Executive Director of the Lawyers For Children of America, a national program providing representation and advocacy for abused and neglected children, as well as promoting conflict resolution in schools. She will succeed Maria Greenslade as Deputy Secretary, who served for seven years before leaving this past November.

"Lesley Mara comes to our office with a long and distinguished record of service not only to our state, but also to many of our most vulnerable children, who have been greatly in need of the support she was willing to give," Secretary Bysiewicz said. "She is

an excellent leader and someone whom colleagues and peers have respected throughout her career. Lesley will be an excellent addition to our office and I am proud today to swear her in as my deputy – she is without question the right choice to lead our office as we work to serve the citizens of Connecticut.”

“We will greatly miss Maria and the wonderful work she did as Deputy Secretary for the past seven years, and I know Lesley will be a worthy successor,” Secretary Bysiewicz said. “I’ve got a great staff working for our office that has benefited greatly from Maria’s leadership and expertise.”

A cum laude graduate of Smith College in Northampton, MA, and an honors graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law, Ms. Mara has also served as an associate with the law firms Pullman, Comley, Bradley, & Reeves and Halloran & Sage.