## Kristi S. Wright Selected as Director of the Department of Legislative and Public Relations

It is with great pleasure that I announce the selection of Ms. Kristi S. Wright as the Director of the Department of Legislative and Public Relations.

Kristi joined the Office of the Executive Secretary in October 2008 as Staff Attorney in the Department of Legislative and Public Relations. Prior to joining the Office of the Executive Secretary, Kristi served as staff to the Virginia Commission on Family Violence Prevention and the Virginia Commission on Youth. She has also worked in private practice and for Voices for Virginia's Children.

Kristi is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She earned a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Juris Doctor from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.

The Department of Legislative and Public Relations manages legislative matters, and handles media and public relations for Virginia's Judicial System. The Department provides staff support for the development of legislative proposals recommended by the Judicial Conferences of Virginia, and represents Virginia's Judicial System on legislative matters before the General Assembly. The Department presents information to legislators about the impact of bills on Virginia's Judicial System, and prepares and disseminates to the court system an annual summary of court-related legislation. The Department is responsible for responding to inquiries from the press and the general public, including requests for records and information.