

PRESS RELEASE

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BOARD OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Oklahoma City—The Board of Juvenile Affairs, during a regularly scheduled meeting, has unanimously selected Robert E. “Gene” Christian as the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) announced Lonelia Simmons, Board Chair. “After interviewing several applicants, the Board voted to hire Mr. Christian who will begin September 1, 2006, at a salary set at \$96,705,” explained Simmons. “We are pleased to welcome Mr. Christian to OJA and we have every confidence in his ability to provide strong leadership to Oklahoma’s juvenile justice agency.”

Christian received his Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma and Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law. He has served as staff attorney to the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Assistant District Attorney for the Office of the District Attorney in District Five and Six and presently the District Attorney for the District Six Office of the District Attorney.

“This is a very exciting opportunity and an incredible challenge. I am genuinely honored to have been selected as OJA’s Executive Director. My experience with the juvenile justice system spans 22 years and I strongly believe in OJA’s mission of prevention, rehabilitation and protection of the public,” stated Christian.

Christian and his wife, Lou, make their home in Blanchard, Oklahoma.