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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Brumwell Appointed City Attorney**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – City of Dubuque Assistant City Attorney Crenna Brumwell will become the City’s next city attorney on Oct. 1, 2016. The City Council voted unanimously to appoint Brumwell to the position at a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 14. She will succeed City Attorney Barry Lindahl who will transition to a part-time role in September 2016 after more than 40 years with the City of Dubuque City Attorney’s Office.

In November, Lindahl requested City Council consent to transition to part-time effective in September 2016 and suggested that the City Council consider inviting applications for the city attorney position from the City’s two assistant city attorneys (Brumwell and Maureen Quann). Brumwell applied for the position following the City Council’s Nov. 16 unanimous decision to accept Lindahl’s suggestion to invite applications for the city attorney position from the current assistant city attorneys. She was interviewed by the City Council at their special meeting on Monday, Dec. 14.

Brumwell has served as assistant city attorney for the City of Dubuque since 2006. Her responsibilities in that role have included prosecution of simple misdemeanors and municipal infractions, administrative search warrants, civil litigation, contract and document review, personnel consultation, and investigation of human rights complaints. She has worked on a variety of city projects including the Voluntary Compliance Agreement with HUD; tax-increment financing agreements; litigation, contract review, real estate transactions; the background

check requirement for rental property owners; the tenant database form and policy; and defense of civil rights complaints.

Before joining the City of Dubuque, Brumwell was an AL/GL Claims Representative for SISCO from 2003 to 2006 and handled litigation management, settlement negotiation, legal research, claim investigation and evaluation. During law school, she was a legal intern for the University of Iowa's Student Legal Services in fall 2002 and for the City of Dubuque in summer 2002.

Brumwell was admitted to the Iowa Bar Association and received her juris doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2003 after earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 2000. She has attended the International Municipal Lawyers Association's annual and mid-year trainings and the Iowa Municipal Attorneys Association's trainings since 2006. Her memberships include the Iowa State Bar Association, Iowa Municipal Attorneys Association, International Municipal Lawyers Association, and Dubuque County Bar Association.

Brumwell's current community involvement includes serving as a board member for Project Concern, Hillcrest Family Services, Foster Grandparent Advisory Board, Mentor Dubuque, Every Child Every Promise, and the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools.

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