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**Governor Appoints Peterson As Hinds County District Attorney**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today appointed Eleanor Faye Peterson as Hinds County District Attorney. Peterson is the first African American female to serve as District Attorney for Hinds County.

“I am confident that Faye will enforce the criminal laws of this state in an effective and orderly manner,” said Governor Musgrove. “She has developed a broad base of experience in both jury and non-jury proceeding that will serve her well as District Attorney for Hinds County.”

Peterson is an experienced trial lawyer who for the past two years has served as Assistant District Attorney for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial District. She has practiced in Circuit, Chancery, County, Municipal and Youth Court and has represented clients in both criminal and civil matters.

Peterson is a lifelong resident of Hinds County with a broad-based connection to the community. She graduated from R. M. Callaway High School, received her B.S. in Physics from Jackson State University and her J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law.

Before serving as Assistant District Attorney for Hinds County, Peterson served as the Assistant Hinds County Public Defender for two years. She also served as the staff attorney for Central Mississippi Legal Services.

Peterson is a member of the National District Attorney’s Association, the Mississippi Prosecutor’s Association, the Magnolia Bar Association, the Mississippi State Bar and a former member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

“It is my goal to provide to the citizens of Hinds County a District Attorney’s Office that will effectively prosecute crimes within this county and serve as the first gatekeeper to justice for all citizens,” said Peterson.

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