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MEDIA ADVISORY

City Attorney Pfeiffer Hosting Seminar on ‘Bath Salts’ and Other Illicit Drugs

110 prosecutors, court personnel, members of law enforcement expected to attend

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. is hosting a free four-hour course on current drug trends, terminology and paraphernalia today at 1:00 p.m. Topics include “bath salts” and other designer drugs that may become more prevalent in the United States. One such drug is krokodil (desomorphine), which is known in Russia and Europe as a “poor man’s heroin” and reportedly gets its name from the gangrenous effects it has on a user’s skin.

The seminar is being coordinated by Anne Murray, director of the City Attorney’s Domestic Violence & Stalking Unit, and presented by Operation Street Safe (Lt. Shawn Bain, Sgt. Michael N. Powell, Lt. Steven Tucker, and Deputy Joseph M. Vince of the Franklin County Sheriff’s office).

“We are very pleased with the response we have received so far,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “It’s important for law enforcement to try to stay ahead of the curve on drug trends as well as help prepare prosecutors and other court personnel for what types of cases to expect in the future.”

The seminar is approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education, allowing attorneys who attend to receive credit for 3.50 hours of CLE instruction.

The government officials scheduled to attend come from local, county, and state jurisdictions.

WHO:

Prosecutors, advocates, judges, probation officers, law enforcement and other government officials

WHAT:

Bath Salts, Street Drugs & Other Things Prosecutors Need to Know

WHEN:

Friday, June 15, 2012 1:00-5:00 p.m.

WHERE:

373 S. High St. (1st floor auditorium)

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