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Abigail Lawlis Kuzma received a BA from the University of Wisconsin and J.D. from Maurer School of Law: Indiana University, Bloomington Indiana. Ms. Kuzma is currently Assistant Attorney General and Chief Counsel of the new Victim Services and Outreach Division of Indiana Attorney General's office (OAG). Prior to that, she was Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer Protection and Senior Policy Advisor for OAG, managing a staff of 100, including 36 attorneys. She has also been the Co-Chair designee of the IN Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (IPATH) since 2009 and a member since 2005. She was Articles Editor of the Indiana Law Journal from 1980-1981. She was co-founder of the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and has served as Executive Director from January 1994 to April 2009.

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Ms. Kuzma was awarded the Indiana Bar Foundation Pro Bono Publico Award in 1998, the 2002 Indiana State Bar Association Women in the Law Achievement Award, the Christian Legal Society's Christian Legal Aid Staff Member award in 2004, the Starkey Entrepreneurial Woman Award in 2005, the Indiana University School of Law Distinguished Service Award in 2006, the Indianapolis Bar Association Antoinette Dakin Leach Award in 2008, designated a Super Lawyer 2005-2009, the St. Thomas More Society Woman for All Seasons Award and a NAGTRI International Fellowship to study Human Trafficking in 2011 and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center Visionary Voice Award in 2012.

Ms. Kuzma serves on the Executive Committee of the Women and the Law Division of the Indianapolis Bar Association, former Chairman of the Indiana State Bar Association Pro Bono Committee and a member of the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and GCM board of directors.