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**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH CHVAL LEAVES PUBLIC SECTOR TO
ESTABLISH INVESTIGATIVE, ADVISORY FIRM ON HIGH TECH CRIME**

Keith Chval, a nine-year veteran of the Illinois Attorney General's Office, has departed his position there as the first chief of the High Technology Crimes Bureau to establish Protek International, Inc., a Chicago suburban firm specializing in investigations and advisory services related to cyber crime. His partners in the venture are a 27-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigations and a high level corporate computer forensics examiner and former Downers Grove police officer.

Protek's founders expect to provide a client base of both public and private organizations—including law firms—with high-tech expertise to provide digital evidence recovery, corporate investigations and advisory services regarding cyber malfeasance, its impact and prevention.

In addition, Chval has joined the law firm of Connolly, Ekl & Williams, PC, where he will lead the Clarendon Hills-based practice in counsel related to high-tech issues, especially in the workplace. Such issues include employee misconduct, privacy, theft of computer secrets and assets, regulatory compliance, competitive intelligence and information security.

In his duties as assistant attorney general, Chval not only targeted Internet and other high-tech criminals, but also directed the office's Internet Child Exploitation Task Force, a collaboration of federal, state, county and local agents investigating and prosecuting Internet-related offenses exploiting children. Chval also has been a prosecuting assistant state's attorney, and currently serves as an adjunct professor of law at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago where he teaches electronic discovery, digital evidence, cyber crime and economic espionage.

Chval holds degrees from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent School of Law and Indiana University. He may be contacted at his Protek office in Clarendon Hills, 630-986-8206, at his law office, 630-654-0045, Ext. 30, or via e-mail: kchval@cewpc.com. Chval is a resident of Clarendon Hills.

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