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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin to Serve as an Expert Panelist on Child Sex Trafficking at Statewide Conference

St. Louis County Attorney **Mark S. Rubin** will be representing Minnesota Law Enforcement and the County as an expert panelist on the issue of child sex trafficking in Minnesota featured during the Women's Foundation of Minnesota Statewide Conference being held in Minneapolis on Wednesday, July 20, 2011.

The panel of experts will also include Ramsey County Attorney John J. Choi, U. S. Marshal Sharon Lubinski, Vednita Carter, from Breaking Free, Suzanne Koeplinger, with MN Indian Women's Resource Center, Jeff Bauer, at The Family Partnership and Beatriz Menanteau, The Advocates for Human Rights. This conference will feature nationally recognized expert, Rachel Lloyd, founder and director of G.E.M.S., an organization that helps girls as victims of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking and played a key role in the successful passage of New York State's Safe Harbor Law, the first law in the country to end the prosecution of child victims of sex trafficking.

County Attorney Rubin has been an early supporter of legislation in Minnesota treating children involved in prostitution as victims of commercial sex exploitation and abuse rather than prosecuting them as delinquents.

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