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Team City –

A few things for this Monday morning. First, I want to acknowledge the incredible teamwork and trial advocacy of Michelle Kfoury, Katrina Outland, Emilee McNeilly, and Joshua Shea and Alisha Saddler last week. You went into battle on behalf of the city of Seattle and your hard work is very much appreciated. It was amazing to see the division rally around you and support your work in trial. And witnessing the collegiality and teamwork of the division makes the next few words even more difficult.

After much reflection, I have decided to step away from my position as Criminal Chief in order to take a break and reset after 27 years working in the criminal legal system. The opportunity to work with all of you during the past two years has been an incredible experience, and I've marveled at your effort, resilience, and support for each other while doing this important work. The decision to leave has not been an easy one, but it is time for me to make a change.

I appreciate the confidence and trust that Ann showed in me in bringing me on to this leadership position. I am proud of the work that we have done together to improve public safety and restore the public's trust in the City Attorney's Office. I know you will continue to build on the progress we have made over the past two years.

I have discussed my decision with Ann and Scott, and in order to ensure as smooth of a transition as possible, my last day in the office will be March 1. I have not yet decided whether the future involves the law or some other interests. In the meantime, my focus will remain here, and I will be relying on many of you to continue collaborating with me as we finish some of the ongoing projects we have, and to assist me in guiding this division as this transition occurs.

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