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## **Town of Fountain Hills Taps Fredda Bisman to Serve as Interim Town Attorney**

Fredda Bisman from the law firm of Dickinson and Wright has been selected to serve as the Interim Town Attorney for the Town of Fountain Hills. Her first official day on the job will begin Tuesday, October 10, at the Special Town Council meeting.

“Ms. Bisman possesses considerable municipal law experience and we’re fortunate that she has agreed to fill in as the legal counsel for Fountain Hills,” said Town Manager Grady Miller.

Fredda Bisman previously served 15 years in the Scottsdale City Attorney’s Office, with five years as City Attorney. She served as the chief legal counsel for the Town of Cave Creek for a number of years and is currently serving as the Town Attorney of Queen Creek. Ms. Bisman also serves as General Counsel for the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA), and as counsel for the City of Peoria Personnel Board.

When the Town Council terminated its legal services contract with Gust Rosenfeld on October 3, 2017, the Town Council also tasked the Town Manager to hire an Interim Town Attorney. Prior to the hiring of Ms Bisman, there were a number of highly qualified law firms and attorneys that had been referred to or who contacted the Town about the temporary legal post. “We are extremely grateful to the referrals of law firms and attorneys who offered their legal expertise to the Town during this interim period for Fountain Hills,” stated Mayor Linda Kavanagh.

It is anticipated that Ms. Bisman will serve as Interim Town Attorney for three to four months until the Town Council selects a permanent Town Attorney. The Town Council plans to hold a work session in the near future to discuss and provide direction to staff on various legal service options including having an in-house Town Attorney or another law firm provide legal services to the Town of Fountain Hills.