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### **Darrell Moore to Retire as Executive Director of Missouri Office of Prosecution Services & Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — October 1, 2025 — After a distinguished career spanning decades in public service and criminal justice, Darrell Moore has announced his retirement as Executive Director of the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) and Executive Director of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA), effective October 1.

During his tenure, beginning January 1, 2019, Moore guided both organizations in advancing the mission of strengthening prosecution, protecting victims' rights, increasing training and resources for prosecutors statewide, and improving justice in Missouri communities.

“It has been the honor of a lifetime to work alongside so many dedicated prosecutors and staff across Missouri,” said Moore. “While I look forward to new chapters ahead, I remain deeply committed to the cause of fair and effective criminal justice in every county.”

#### **A Lifetime of Service in Greene County and Across Missouri**

Darrell Moore's roots in Greene County run deep. Before assuming statewide leadership, he served three terms as the elected Greene County Prosecuting Attorney (1999–2011). Prior to that, from 1983 to 1998 (with a brief interlude in private practice), he worked as an assistant and chief assistant prosecutor in Greene County.

Under his leadership in Greene County, Moore prosecuted high-profile and challenging cases, tried cases before juries in multiple jurisdictions, and earned respect across Missouri's legal community for rigor, integrity, and commitment to victims.

His influence extended beyond local courts. Moore successfully argued cases before the Missouri Supreme Court and the Missouri Courts of Appeals in both the Southern and Western Districts.

Before leading MOPS and MAPA, Moore also held key roles in state government:

- Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Litigation Division, Missouri Attorney General's Office (2017–2019)

- Assistant Attorney General, Public Safety Section (2015–2017)
- Chief Litigation Counsel to the State Auditor of Missouri (2011–2015)

Moore’s achievements have been formally recognized as well:

- In 2003, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Missouri presented him its “Top DWI Prosecutor’s Award”
- In October 2010, MAPA honored Moore as its inaugural “Prosecuting Attorney of the Year”

Moore holds a J.D. from the University of Missouri–Columbia and a B.A. from Southwest Baptist University.

### **A Legacy of Justice**

Under Moore’s leadership, MOPS and MAPA have solidified their roles as vital supports for prosecuting offices across Missouri: providing training, best practices, resources, and coordination. His emphasis on professional development, interagency cooperation, and victim-centric advocacy has left a lasting imprint across the state.

“Darrell’s steady hand, institutional knowledge, and passion for justice have elevated our institutions and strengthened prosecution across Missouri,” said Robert Russell, Johnson County Prosecuting Attorney and current president of MAPA. “We are deeply grateful for his many years of service and look forward to building on his legacy.”

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### **About MOPS and MAPA**

In 1969, the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA) was established to provide uniformity in the discharge of duties to Missouri’s 115 elected prosecuting and circuit attorneys. In 1981, MAPA collaborated with the State of Missouri and formed the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) to assist prosecuting attorneys in their efforts against criminal activity within the state. MOPS is an autonomous entity governed by the Prosecutors Coordinators Training Council, and is staffed by a team of career prosecutors and dedicated professionals who proudly stand with Missouri’s prosecutors in protecting our communities.