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**Tim Garrison Named Executive Director of Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
and Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – October 1, 2025 — The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) and the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA) are pleased to announce the appointment of Tim Garrison as their new Executive Director. Garrison succeeds Darrell Moore, who retired after a career of distinguished service to Greene County and the State of Missouri.

A former United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, Marine Corps combat veteran, and seasoned trial and appellate advocate, Garrison brings more than two decades of legal and leadership experience to the role.

“I am excited to return to my roots in the criminal justice system and to serve Missouri’s prosecutors,” said Garrison. “MOPS and MAPA play a vital part in ensuring justice is served, victims are heard, and prosecutors have the training and resources they need to protect Missourians. I look forward to building on the strong foundation already in place and advancing our mission across the state.”

A Distinguished Career of Service

As U.S. Attorney from 2018 to 2021, Garrison led a staff of nearly 150 federal prosecutors, civil litigators, and support professionals. He led Operation Legend in Kansas City, a landmark enforcement initiative that resulted in hundreds of arrests and prosecutions of violent fugitives, and which the U.S. Department of Justice later expanded to several cities across the country. Under his leadership, the district became one of the nation’s leaders in prosecutions of violent crime, crimes against children, and interstate and international drug trafficking.

Prior to that, Garrison served more than a decade as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, earning the Missouri Bar Foundation’s David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award in 2013. His work as a prosecutor and appellate lawyer was marked by consistent trial success, effective collaboration with law enforcement, and a reputation for integrity and excellence.

In addition to his civilian career, Garrison is a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he has served on active and reserve duty for more than 20 years. His military career includes deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, service as an appellate military judge, and national security roles in the Offices of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and of the Secretary of Defense. Garrison is a distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School and Command and Staff College. His personal

decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon.

Most recently, Garrison served as Senior Counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom, where he litigated on behalf of individuals and nonprofits to defend their constitutional rights to speak and worship free from unreasonable interference from state and federal governments.

Garrison holds a B.A., *magna cum laude*, in political science from Drury University, and J.D. and M.P.A. degrees from the University of Missouri–Columbia.

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.