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**Michael D. Schwartz Appointed Chief Assistant District Attorney**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Michael D. Schwartz has been selected to serve as Chief Assistant District Attorney. The position is second in command in the office, overseeing 282 employees and some 20,000 criminal prosecutions a year.

The appointment follows the retirement of Janice L. Maurizi, who has been Chief Assistant District Attorney since 2013. She previously worked as a prosecutor and manager for 28 years in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Her distinguished career included handling many high-profile cases, special circumstances murders, and crimes against women and children. She served as Bureau Director in charge of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Bureau of Fraud and Corruption Prosecutions and two terms as Director of Branch and Area Operations.

Mr. Schwartz received his law degree from UCLA in 1979 and joined the Ventura County District Attorney's Office the same year. He has worked in a variety of assignments in the office, including misdemeanors, juvenile, felonies, and consumer and environmental protection. He has also served as supervisor of the Writs, Appeals and Training Unit. Since 2006 he has been part of the District Attorney's Executive Management Team and has most recently served as the Special Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Schwartz is a statewide expert on prosecutor ethics.

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The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is the public prosecutor for the county's 850,000 residents. The office employs approximately 280 employees including attorneys, investigators, victim advocates, and other professional support staff who strive to seek justice, ensure public safety, and protect the rights of crime victims.

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