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The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office has a new Chief and new First Assistant Prosecutor. Judge Stephen Rubin, who served with distinction as Hunterdon County Prosecutor during a 1997-2002 term administered the oath of office last week for each. Chief Tim Drew and First Assistant Prosecutor Stacey Geurds McCleese were selected for the new administration led by recently appointed Prosecutor Renée Robeson.

"Tim Drew is someone that represents the highest standards of professionalism, dedication to safety, and a tireless pursuit of justice. I look forward to having his leadership and experience at the helm of our investigations. I believe he will carry on the great legacy of talented chiefs we have had at this Office," Robeson said.

Chief Drew comes to the Office after serving as a Lieutenant and when needed as the acting Chief of Police in the Lawrence Township Police Department since September 1999. Drew was born and raised in New Jersey, and has lived in Hunterdon County for many years with his wife and children.

"I am proud of the professionalism, dedication to duty and the accomplishments of the HCPO detectives I now have the privilege to lead as we move forward together to create a better and safer Hunterdon County community," Drew said.

Upon graduating from the New Jersey State Police Academy in July of 1999, Chief Drew earned the Basic Police Officer Certification and began his law enforcement career with the Lawrence Township Police Department. Chief Drew furthered his education by earning a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice from Rutgers University in May of 2001.

Chief Drew is an Accredited Command Executive through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, and has certifications as a Police Resiliency Officer, Accreditation Manager, Police Academy Instructor, Traffic Safety Specialist, and SWAT operator. Chief Drew previously served within all divisions of his former agency. This included the patrol, investigative, and professional standards divisions, where he handled many complex investigations. Chief Drew also served on the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force.

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"Stacey is someone that represents the highest standards of professionalism, dedication to victims of crime, as well as a tireless pursuit of justice," Robeson said.

First Assistant Geurds McCleese is a career prosecutor having served in Burlington County Prosecutors Office for two years and then Mercer County Prosecutors Office for the past 21 years. During her career, she has led a number of units while there including the Domestic Violence Unit, the Homicide Task Force and the Grand Jury Unit.

During her career, she has been awarded with the 2004 Mercer County Prosecutor's Office of Victim Witness Advocacy Award for Outstanding Service on Behalf of Crime Victims, 2015 Project Freedom's Angel Award, 2016 Princeton YWCA Tribute to Women Award, and 2017 Mercer County Bar Association Professional Lawyer of the Year Award. Geurds McCleese is the consummate professional with exceptional skills and compassion for victims of crime.

Geurds McCleese graduated from Trenton State College in May of 1991 with a B.A. in Political Science and minor in Law and Justice. She continued her education and earned her J.D. in 1994 from Seton Hall University School of Law. Upon graduation, she served as law clerk to The Honorable Linda R. Feinberg, J.S.C. (ret.).

