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Carson City's longest-serving District Attorney to join Nevada's largest law firm

Carson City, NV -- The longest-serving district attorney in Carson City history, Noel Waters will join Lionel Sawyer & Collins when his term is complete next week. Waters, a 1966 graduate of Carson High School, will serve as Of Counsel to the firm in its Carson City and Reno offices.

Waters said he is pleased to be joining the "top-flight" attorneys at Nevada's largest law firm.

"Here is a group of people who are very smart, deeply experienced, and most of all, they enjoy what they do," said Waters. "I couldn't ask for a better opportunity in making the change from public service to private law practice."

Lionel Sawyer & Collins Managing Partner Paul Hejmanowski noted that Waters is the latest in a long line of Nevada public servants who have entered private practice at the firm.

"Lionel Sawyer & Collins attorneys have helped shape the Nevada legal and business community for 40 years," said Hejmanowski. "Noel Waters brings to the firm a unique knowledge of the state of Nevada and its law. His experience and skills provide an additional resource to our clients that cannot be replicated at any other firm."

Among the public servants who have moved from government to Lionel Sawyer & Collins are its co-founder, former Gov. Grant Sawyer, and Richard H. Bryan, former Nevada attorney general, governor, and U.S. Senator. Rory Reid, Chairman of the Clark County Commission, is also a member of the firm. Among the firm's other attorneys are former federal, state and local government administrators, attorneys and prosecutors.

Waters was first appointed as District Attorney in 1985 and was subsequently elected to the position five times. In September, Nevada Attorney General George Chanos presented Waters with the William J. Raggio Award, which is given annually to a current or former prosecutor who has contributed significantly to the improvement of the administration of justice in Nevada.

Waters spent one year as a law clerk and bailiff for Hon. Michael R. Griffin in the First Judicial District Court of Nevada. He then joined the Carson City District Attorney's office as a deputy district attorney in 1982. Prior to law school, Waters was in the United States Air Force, Nevada Air National Guard unit, and held jobs with the Bureau of Land Management, the Nevada Highway Patrol, and the Nevada Legislature, among others positions.

As district attorney, he oversaw an office of more than 25 employees with an annual budget of \$2.3 million. In addition to supervising the office, Waters managed an active caseload of his own, trying approximately 60 jury cases to verdict and well over 1,000 misdemeanor bench trials. In his final months on the job he was the lead prosecutor on three murder trials and a complex child abuse case.

As well as overseeing all criminal litigation in the county, he supervised three civil attorneys who advised the Carson City Board in all matters pertaining to the operation and governance of the county.

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