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First Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Russell to Resign In July and Chief Deputy District Attorney Tim Barker to be Appointed First Assistant District Attorney

York, PA – First Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Russell, who has tried many of the county’s most high profile murder cases over the past decade, will resign her post on July 15, 2019, after almost 14 years with the office.

Russell received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 2002 from Philadelphia University and her Juris Doctorate in May of 2005 from The Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle. In December 2005, Russell was hired by former District Attorney H. Stanley Rebert. Russell’s hard work, dedication and breadth of experience led to her promotion to Chief Deputy District Attorney in June 2012 and then her promotion to First Assistant District Attorney in January 2013, by former District Attorney Tom Kearney.

“She received an offer she simply could not pass up,” said District Attorney Dave Sunday. Following her departure, Russell will be In-House Counsel for a corporation in Harrisburg.

“It has been a great honor to have the pleasure of working for Dave, and to work with the rest of the members of the District Attorney’s Office to serve the citizens of York County. I will truly miss working with them all,” said Russell. “It has been a difficult decision for me to leave this tremendous office, but this new work opportunity offers a financial benefit to my family, and a chance for me to grow professionally. I am really looking forward to this new challenge, and this next exciting phase in my professional development,” said Russell.

Sunday went on to say, “there is no question that the citizens of York County are in a better place as a result of Jen’s service to our community. I simply could not have asked for a better partner over the past year and a half as we implemented the changes necessary to ensure an effective and efficient District Attorney’s Office for years to come.”

Following Russell’s departure, longtime prosecutor Tim Barker will assume the role of First Assistant District Attorney. Barker has served the office as an expert in complex trial and appellate litigation. Additionally, Tim was named the National Highway Traffic Safety



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Administration (NHTSA) prosecutor fellow for 2011 and 2012, an honor given to one prosecutor nationally each year.

“Few prosecutors across the state possess Tim Barker’s breadth of experience. As a nationally recognized prosecutor and someone who has litigated some of York County’s highest profile and complex cases, Tim’s knowledge of and respect for the law and desire to better his community is unparalleled. Additionally, Tim’s proven leadership in the area of common sense criminal justice initiatives reflects my commitment to improving all aspects of the justice system. Areas where Tim’s leadership have been instrumental include the expansion of our treatment courts; working with the City of York through the group violence initiative; collaborating with our community partners as co-chair of the reentry coalition; and identifying opportunities for mental health diversion through the stepping up initiative. You will be hard pressed to find a more dedicated public servant than Tim Barker and I’m proud to announce his promotion to First Assistant District Attorney,” said Sunday.