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For Immediate Release: District Attorney Chisholm Will Not Seek Reelection

After nearly 30 years of state service, Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm announced this afternoon that he will not be a candidate for reelection in 2024.

“The Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office remains steadfastly committed to its mission: to carry out the work of justice without fear or favor,” said District Attorney Chisholm. “We have vigorously prosecuted crimes of violence, abuse, and corruption, while uniting community stakeholders around a nationally recognized public health and community partnership approach to violence prevention. I am honored to have served our community by pursuing justice alongside the finest prosecutors, investigators, victim/witness advocates, and clerical specialists in our profession.”

“Since I was first elected in 2006, I have been clear that the District Attorney’s Office is here to serve the people of this community in a fair and just way that promotes safety”, continued District Attorney Chisholm. “After nearly 30 years as a prosecutor, it is time for me to pursue new endeavors, and for the people of Milwaukee County to choose a new District Attorney to continue the work of ensuring a safe, just, and prosperous community for all. As I complete my term, I will work closely with Chief Deputy District Attorney Kent Lovern and our leadership team to ensure the continuity of all District Attorney's Office operations.”

Born in Milwaukee and a graduate of Marquette University High School and Marquette University, District Attorney Chisholm entered public service in 1986 when he enlisted in the United States Army. After his honorable discharge at the rank of First Lieutenant, he obtained his law degree from the University of Wisconsin. In 1994, District Attorney Chisholm was hired as an assistant district attorney for Milwaukee County by then-District Attorney E. Michael McCann and prosecuted misdemeanor, domestic violence, and felony narcotics cases until his appointment as supervising attorney of the Firearms Enforcement Unit in 1999 where he prosecuted violent gun offenders. In 2006, he was elected District Attorney and was reelected in 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020. A national leader in justice innovation, District Attorney Chisholm is a past chair of the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.