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Local attorney Stephen Harpold will join the prosecution team in the 198<sup>th</sup> Judicial District on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Harpold will join District Attorney Scott Monroe and Assistant District Attorney Donnie Coleman to cover felony cases in Kerr and Bandera counties. Coleman has announced her retirement in early 2015.

“Although we are sad that Donnie Coleman will be leaving us, we are very excited about bringing in Stephen Harpold as our new assistant DA,” 198<sup>th</sup> District Attorney Scott Monroe said. “Stephen is an outstanding attorney with impeccable reputation for integrity.”

Monroe said Harpold has the experience to “jump in and help us immediately” because of his past experience as a prosecutor. “We are fortunate to get him to join our office,” Monroe said.

Harpold moved to the Hill Country in 2000 and joined in law practice with attorneys Pat Pattillo and Greg Richards to create PRH L.L.C. He has extensive trial experience as a criminal defense attorney but worked as a prosecutor in the Harris County District Attorney’s Office from 1991 to 1994.

“I get to do something that I loved to do so many years ago,” Harpold said, “which I think of as my glory days.” Harpold said his days as a prosecutor were very rewarding. “When I look back on those years, I was in my element and things were clicking on all cylinders,” he said, “and I woke up every morning with the attitude that I couldn’t wait to get to work.”

Harpold said that the main reason he decided to accept the new position with the 198<sup>th</sup> DA's office was because of the integrity and respect he has for Monroe, Coleman and their office staff.

"I am looking forward to bringing a new perspective to the office because of my experience as a defense attorney," he said. "The experience has made me a well-rounded attorney and I want to bring my work experience from the other side to the DA's office."

A Harris County native, Harpold received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1987 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston two years later. While in law school Harpold received national honors in moot court competitions. He went into private practice in Houston right out of law school with a firm that specialized in insurance defense cases. He then joined the Harris County DA's office in 1991. During his time with the Harris County prosecutor's office he prosecuted murder cases, sexual assault cases and a variety of other felony cases. After a stint back in private practice after he left the DA's office, Harpold moved to Kerrville in 2000 and joined in the law partnership. He has been a longtime member of the local defense bar providing court-appointed legal representation in felony cases for indigent clients.

"I have always had a tremendous respect for law enforcement and I look forward to being able to work with the local law enforcement community as a prosecutor," Harpold said. "I look at working as a prosecutor as a calling. I believe the role of the prosecutor is to help to bring justice, protects the people involved and make sure people are treated fairly by the judicial system."

Harpold is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and is licensed to practice in all state courts as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern Districts of Texas. He and his wife, Jill, and their three children live in Fredericksburg.