

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

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Andrew Murray begins second term as Mecklenburg County District Attorney

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – With the new year comes the beginning of District Attorney Andrew Murray's second term as Mecklenburg County's chief prosecutor.

To mark the occasion, DA Murray and his Assistant District Attorneys will take the oath to protect the community as prosecutors during a ceremony at 8:15 a.m. January 5, 2015, in the meeting chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center. Each prosecutor will swear to support the United States Constitution and serve the State of North Carolina by working to ensure that criminal laws are fairly and impartially administered. The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, will preside over the ceremony.

"It is an honor and privilege to continue to serve and protect the community," says DA Murray. "Moving forward into my second term, I plan to build on my office's successes by confronting dangerous offenders – whether they're drug traffickers, rapists or felons in illegal possession of guns – who threaten our safety."



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Media are invited to attend the ceremony. Afterward, DA Murray will be available to reporters to discuss the accomplishments of his first term and his plans for his second term, including focusing resources on the prosecution of violent crimes.

Mr. Murray was elected as District Attorney by Mecklenburg County voters in 2010, and he took office in January 2011. Since then, he has worked to target violent and habitual offenders. Among his strategies was the recently-concluded 2014 homicide trial initiative, which was the culmination of a successful four-year effort that reduced the number of homicide cases pending trials by about 50 percent. While seeking justice for the community and standing up for those affected by crime, DA Murray has also strengthened relationships with local law enforcement and improved the office's communication with the public. In 2014, he ran unopposed for reelection.

[Click here](#) to read the District Attorney's Office's 2014 "Year in Review." For more information about the oath of office ceremony, please contact Community Liaison Coordinator Meghan Cooke at meghan.a.cooke@nccourts.org.

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