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Ramsey County prosecutor to lead criminal division

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Veteran prosecutor Richard Dusterhoft has been named head of the criminal division of the Ramsey County attorney's office.

Dusterhoft, 44, joined the office in 1998 and has had "a meteoric rise in this office," said County Attorney John Choi, who made the appointment.

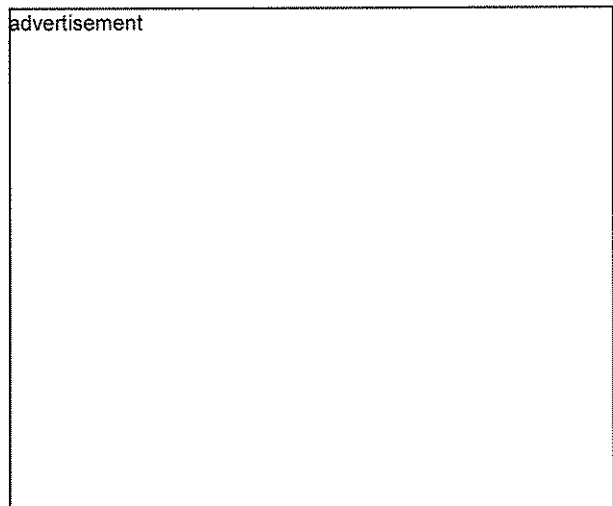
"I think he's got a tremendous amount of credibility in this office, and especially externally with our law enforcement officers," Choi said. "He's going to be a great asset to partner with our police on those public safety issues that need attention."


Choi said the office would place special emphasis on prosecuting domestic abuse, gang crime, financial fraud and career criminals.

Dusterhoft's most significant work includes the successful prosecution of murderer Tyvarus Lindsey and, with former County Attorney Susan Gaertner, Harry Evans. Evans was convicted of killing St. Paul police Sgt. Gerald Vick in 2006.

Dusterhoft begins his new job April 4. He succeeds Phil Carruthers, now the office's civil division director.

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