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## **NDAA Elects Next President & Welcomes Board Vice Presidents**

ARLINGTON, VA – The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) inaugurated a dynamic new leader on Monday, July 10, as they elected J. Charles (Charlie) Smith III, current State's Attorney for Frederick County, Maryland, as their next president. Smith was sworn in at NDAA's annual summer summit in Nashville, Tennessee. With a professional legacy marked by an unwavering commitment to justice, community service, and innovation, Smith's inauguration promises a forward-thinking and inclusive approach to the role.

Outgoing president John F. Flynn praised Smith, saying, "Charlie's vast experience and his proven commitment to justice make him a standout choice for leading the NDAA. He has been an unwavering advocate for his community, and we are confident that under his leadership, he will continue to elevate the voice of our nation's prosecutors."

Joining President Smith are three newly elected Board Vice Presidents who bring a wealth of expertise and diverse perspectives to the NDAA leadership team:

- Kenda Culpepper, District Attorney, Rockwall County, TX
- Eric Zahnd, Prosecuting Attorney, Platte County, MO
- Tim Cruz, District Attorney, Plymouth County, MA

These newly elected Vice Presidents will collaborate closely with Smith and the NDAA leadership to advance the organization's mission of providing state and local prosecutors with the knowledge, skills, and support they need to ensure justice and protect public safety.

### **About the National District Attorneys Association:**

*Formed in 1950, NDAA is the oldest and largest national organization representing state and local prosecutors in the country. With more than 5,500 members representing over two-thirds of the state and local prosecutors' offices, NDAA is recognized as the leading source of national expertise on the prosecution function and is a valuable resource for the media, academia, government, and community leaders. NDAA's mission is to provide state and local prosecutors with the knowledge, skills, and support they need to ensure that justice is done and that public safety rights are protected.*

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