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## *Cumberland County Public Defender Resigns*

**Cumberland County, PA-** After 25 years of distinguished service to Cumberland County, Chief Public Defender Timothy L. Clawges submitted his resignation to the Board of Commissioners. County management owes a debt of gratitude to Tim for his many contributions to our criminal justice system and wishes him the best in his new position.

Clawges, a University of Virginia graduate, began his career in private practice in the Harrisburg area before coming to Cumberland County in 1990 as an Assistant Public Defender. He advanced through the ranks of the Public Defender's Office eventually becoming First Assistant Public Defender in 2009 and in 2011 was appointed as Chief Public Defender.

Clawges's resignation will be effective on May 29, 2015. Linda Hollinger, First Assistant Public Defender, has been named Interim Chief Public Defender until a search can take place to fill the Chief Public Defender position. The mission of the Cumberland County Public Defender is to provide legal defense counsel in criminal cases for defendants who lack sufficient funds to obtain counsel.

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