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DENVER FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY RETIRES

First Assistant District Attorney Charles “Chuck” Lepley retires today from the Denver District Attorney’s Office after 34 years of dedicated service. He is the longest serving First Assistant District Attorney in the history of the Denver District Attorney's office.

Lepley was still in law school when he joined the office and started Juvenile Diversion Unit in 1974; Dale Tooley was the District Attorney. He has provided leadership and continuity over the careers of four elected District Attorneys, providing a constant vision for the office whose mission he valued.

Long before it was a routine practice, Lepley worked with the Denver Police Department to implement a system to videotape suspect interviews; he played an important role in building the interview rooms at Denver police headquarters. He was instrumental in creating Denver’s protocol for officer-involved shooting investigations, a protocol that has become a national model noted for its transparency and effectiveness.

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey praised his years of service and noted that Lepley will leave behind a lasting legacy, “Over the years he has worked behind the scenes on many significant statewide law enforcement issues that have made Denver and Colorado a better, safer place to live. His dedication to justice and many contributions to the law enforcement community of Denver and Colorado will continue on in the people whose lives and careers he touched.”

