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Mohave County Attorney's Office Promotes Two Attorneys to Chief Deputy Positions

Jason Mitchell has been chosen to replace Ryan Esplin and will be the new **Civil** Chief Deputy (pending BOS approval on 10/6/25). Jason has been a Civil Deputy with Mohave for approximately 1.5 years. Prior to joining the MCAO he served as a Civil and Criminal Deputy in La Paz County. He has extensive experience in representing several county departments including the Board of Supervisors. Jason enjoys being in court and has trial/litigation experience. Jason is also a devoted husband and father. He graduated from the University of San Diego Law School and has been admitted to practice law in Arizona since 2020.

Amanda Claerhout has been chosen to become the first **Criminal** Chief Deputy for the MCAO. Since being hired in April 2018 Amanda has completed 68 felony jury trials; served as the Supervisor of both MAGNET (a drug task force) and the SVU (Special Victims Unit), served in the role of acting Chief Deputy on several occasions, and was awarded APAAC's Felony Prosecutor of the Year (Small Jurisdiction) in 2022 for the entire state of Arizona. Amanda is also a devoted wife and mother who successfully balances her family and career responsibilities even during wildfire season when her husband is off fighting wildland fires for weeks on end. Amanda graduated from Arizona Summit Law School and has been admitted to practice law in Arizona since 2017.

A copy of the MCAO Organization Chart is attached.