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D.A. Hires Career Defense Attorney to Head Conviction Review Unit

With the hiring of a new Chief Deputy District Attorney, the Clark County District Attorney's Conviction Review Unit (CRU) will begin operating this month.

"I am very pleased to announce that Chief Deputy Public Defender Dan Silverstein has accepted an offer to join our office and lead our Conviction Review Unit," said District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "We had several excellent applicants but, after a careful review, we believe that Mr. Silverstein is the best fit for this very important position. He brings with him a wealth of experience, and a working knowledge of the issues he will face in this unique position."

The first task for the CRU will be establishing criteria for cases that will be accepted, and researching and implementing prosecution best practices throughout the office.

"I am proud to be part of this newly established team in the District Attorney's Office," said Dan Silverstein. "The opportunity to be part of creating the standard with which these types of cases will be considered and reviewed is a challenge I look forward to. I respect the Clark County District Attorney's Office for being proactive in its formation of this unit, rather than reactive to a systemic problem."

Conviction Review Units, also referred to as Conviction Integrity Units, exist in most major cities across the country. Their primary goal is to review factual claims of innocence, often times when new evidence is brought to the attention of prosecutors.

The Clark County District Attorney's Conviction Review Unit is the first of its kind in the state of Nevada.