

Orr Takes Oath, Takes Over as DA

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Former N.C. Supreme Court Justice Robert Orr took the oath of office at the Watauga Courthouse this morning after being picked to take the position of interim District Attorney for the 24th Prosecutorial District. Then Judge Phil Ginn swore in the seven ADA's who will carry on in the roles they played under now retired DA Jerry Wilson. Orr then addressed the courtroom of lawyers, law enforcement, friends and family about the role he will play, promising that, if his new department is behind, he and his new staff will work to catch up. Orr fills the remaining months of District Attorney Jerry Wilson's term after Wilson retired early on March 31st due to health problems and will serve until a new district attorney is elected this year. He is taking a leave of absence from the law firm Poyner & Spruill to take the appointment. Orr served as a member of the N.C. Court of Appeals for eight years before joining the N.C. Supreme Court, where he served for 10 years.