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## CAREER PROSECUTOR MCCANN JOINS MONTGOMERY COUNTY DA'S OFFICE AS FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

NORRISTOWN, Pa.--Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announced today the hiring of Edward F. McCann, Jr. as the First Assistant District Attorney.

A career prosecutor, McCann brings 26 years of trial and administrative experience to the position. McCann was most recently the First Assistant District Attorney for Philadelphia County for more than four years, overseeing the day-to-day administration of the office's more than 300 attorneys and 200 support staff. During his tenure with the office, which dates to 1989, McCann had served as deputy of the Trial Division and for seven years as the chief of the Homicide Unit.

Notable cases handled by McCann include overseeing the long-term grand jury investigation and prosecution of nine defendants in the death of 14-year-old Danieal Kelly, who was just 46 pounds when she died. That case led McCann to become active in child abuse causes, including serving as an original member of Philadelphia's Act 33 Team overseeing a multi-disciplinary review of all child abuse fatalities and near-fatalities in the city and serving as a member of a statewide advisory board on child abuse.

"Ed brings tremendous experience to our prosecutorial team as well as strong leadership and managerial skills that will benefit the citizens of Montgomery County," says Steele. "We are excited to have him join our team."

McCann was admitted to the Bar of Pennsylvania in 1989, admitted to the Bar of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in 1995 and admitted to the Bar of the Third Circuit in 1995. He graduated cum laude from the Temple University Beasley School of Law in 1989 and from Boston University with a bachelor's degree in communications in 1985. McCann is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Approved for release:

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