



Emmet County News Release

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Komondy Joins Emmet County Prosecuting Attorney's Office



Prosecuting Attorney James Linderman (left) and 57th Circuit Court Judge Charles W. Johnson (right) join Emmet County's new assistant prosecutor James Komondy following his recent swearing in and signing of his oath of office.

Emmet County Prosecuting Attorney's Office recently welcomed James Komondy on board as an assistant prosecutor, filling a vacancy in the office after Mike Schuitema was promoted to chief assistant prosecutor.

Komondy was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Charles W. Johnson on Sept. 30 in the 57th Circuit Court at the Emmet County building in Petoskey. Though new to the prosecutor's office, the 45-year-old Komondy grew up in the area and is a Boyne City High School graduate. He moved back to the area earlier this year when his wife, a Harbor Springs High School graduate, accepted a position at a company in her hometown.

After receiving his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan, Komondy stayed in Ann Arbor and achieved a doctorate degree from the

University of Michigan Law School. Until his move to Emmet County this year, he's been practicing law in Grand Rapids since 2002 where much of his work focused on riparian disputes, municipal tax and criminal law. He has years of experience representing municipal clients in property tax matters, criminal and civil ordinance violations as well as assisting in contract negotiation, zoning issues, ordinance drafting and Freedom of Information Act requests.

Komondy also practiced at the appellate level, successfully helping municipal clients uphold local ordinances against constitutional and evidentiary challenges in circuit court. Additionally, he was successful defending clients in the Court of Appeals in various matters including easement disputes, riparian rights, defamation, invasion of privacy, and enforcement of agreements.

"Jim is bringing a wealth of knowledge to the Emmet County Prosecutor's Office, and we're fortunate to have him as part of his team," Prosecuting Attorney James Linderman said following Komondy's swearing in. "His experience will be a great asset to Emmet County in the criminal justice system."

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