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### Vernon L. Jackson Sr. sworn-in as the Navajo Nation Chief Prosecutor



**PHOTO: Vernon L. Jackson, Sr. takes oath of office, administered by Navajo Nation Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne, to serve as the new Navajo Nation Chief Prosecutor on May 25, 2022, in Window Rock, AZ.**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, and Navajo Nation Attorney General Doreen N. McPaul congratulate Vernon L. Jackson, Sr., who took the Oath of Office on Wednesday, to serve as the new Navajo Nation Chief Prosecutor. Navajo Nation Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne administered the oath to Jackson during a ceremony held at the Navajo Nation Department of Justice in Window Rock, Ariz.

Chief Prosecutor Jackson is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation from Chinle, Ariz. Since July 2021, Jackson has served as the Acting Chief Prosecutor. He has a Bachelor's degree from Boston University in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master of Business degree from Bellevue University. His experience includes over 20 years of federal law enforcement service as a special agent, including serving as the Assistant Director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal

Investigation Division, as well as over ten years of law enforcement experience with the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety. Jackson is also a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association.

"We congratulate Chief Prosecutor Vernon L. Jackson, Sr., and his family as he took the sacred oath to serve and protect our Navajo people. Together, Chief Prosecutor Jackson and Attorney General McPaul can begin to build a legacy for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. We are confident that Jackson will serve our communities with dignity and preserve the best interests of victims with fair prosecution that balances offender's accountability with prevention, intervention, and restorative justice," said President Nez.



Prior to taking the oath, Chief Prosecutor Jackson expressed his appreciation and looks forward to continuing to make improvements within the Navajo Nation justice system, "I am honored for this opportunity to serve the Navajo people, and I am committed to ensuring the prosecution of crimes in a manner that effectively promotes public safety."

"Mr. Jackson has dedicated his career to seeking justice by holding perpetrators accountable and helping victims. His experience and expertise within the public safety sector will serve the Navajo people well. I am confident that the Office of the Prosecutor will continue to stabilize and thrive under Mr. Jackson's leadership," said Attorney General McPaul.

"As Chair of the Navajo Nation Council Sexual Assault Subcommittee, I applaud Mr. Jackson's appointment. With his appointment, the prosecution of crimes on the Navajo Nation can be more effective and focused. More importantly, the victims of crime will benefit greatly from his appointment," said Navajo Nation Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty.

Additionally, Navajo Nation Council Delegate Eugene Tso stated that Jackson's appointment would open new opportunities, strategies, and improvements to the justice system on the Navajo Nation.

"The Navajo Division of Public Safety is certainly proud of the permanent appointment and selection of Chief Prosecutor Vernon L. Jackson, Sr. We worked with Chief Prosecutor Jackson in an acting-Chief capacity for the past year, and he did an exemplary job. We thank the Navajo Department of Justice for making a fine selection, welcome the new Chief Prosecutor, and look forward to continuing working with him," added Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety Executive Director Jesse Delmar.

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