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#### **Stodghill joins county attorney's office**

St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin is pleased to announce that Mark Stodghill has joined the Office as Projects and Initiatives Coordinator.

Stodghill and the county attorney's office are exploring several initiatives this year, including studying the feasibility -- or the need -- of creating a specialty court for military veterans, looking at what can be done to help keep the elderly from being abused and exploited, continuing to raise public awareness of sex trafficking in the Northland, and gathering data to study any racial disparities in pretrial detention and release as part of the Racial Justice Improvement Project. In addition to handling office communication, Stodghill will also assist County Attorney Rubin in presenting Criminal Procedure 101, a half day course designed for local media and reporters.

Stodghill retired from the Duluth News Tribune in August after a 35-year career there as a reporter, columnist and city editor. He received numerous state and national awards for reporting and writing. He started his journalism career as sports editor of the Hibbing Daily Tribune in 1976.

He is a graduate of Macalester College and is an Air Force veteran, who served in Vietnam, Korea and the Philippines. His hobbies are running and reading. He has run more than 300 marathons and ultramarathons in all 50 states and on all seven continents.

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