

MAYOR HAWKINS ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF LINDAL SCOTT FOSTER AS ORANGE'S MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

Orange Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr. has announced the appointment of trial lawyer Lindal Louise Scott Foster as Orange's new Municipal Prosecutor. Ms. Foster succeeds outgoing Prosecutor Connie Bentley McGhee.

Ms. Foster has extensive experience in New Jersey municipal courts, having worked as a part time Municipal Prosecutor in Newark, Orange, Irvington and Plainfield and as a part time Public Defender in Elizabeth and Orange.

Since 2002, Ms. Foster has maintained a general law practice in Elizabeth representing individuals and businesses with needs related to Municipal Court Defense, Family Law, Domestic violence, Commercial Litigation and other areas of the law. Prior to establishing her own practice, she was a Counsel to Verizon, a Litigation Associate at two of New York City's most prestigious law firms, and Law Clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Alfred Wolin.

Ms. Foster holds a BA degree from Yale University, Master of Public and

International Affairs from Princeton University, and a Juris Doctor degree with honors from University of Virginia Law School.

"I want to thank outgoing Municipal Prosecutor Connie McGhee for her extraordinary service to the citizens of Orange and her involvement in our community," Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr. said. "I welcome our new Municipal Prosecutor, Lindal Foster, who brings impressive credentials and understands the zero tolerance attitude required to combat the criminal element in our city.

"Our Municipal Court is a critical partner with the Orange Police Department and the citizens of Orange in working to make our city safer. Many people have pointed out that when criminals are arrested and convicted, they too often are back on our streets in short order. I also get complaints that our courts are not serious enough about quality of life crimes such as prostitution, loitering, and graffiti. Lindal Foster represents the prosecutorial excellence that the people of Orange expect."

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