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New DA takes office in Forest County

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Dennis Luttenauer, an attorney from Marienville, was sworn in to the office on Tuesday.

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He replaces Barbara C. Litten, who was elected to a four-year term as district attorney in 2003. Litten announced last month she was resigning Jan. 1, 2007, for personal reasons.

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Luttenauer was appointed on Dec. 12 by Forest County President Judge William F. Morgan to serve as district attorney for the balance of Litten's term. That term expires Jan. 1, 2008.

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Following the swearing-in ceremony, Luttenauer said he was "pleased and honored...for the opportunity to be of service to the people of Forest County."

Luttenauer earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1973 from the University of Pennsylvania. Following graduation, he entered VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), where he served on a rural housing project in Corning and Bath, N.Y., and as a legal intern

for the Southern Tier Legal Services.

He then attended law school at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University and worked for several years at the Cleveland Legal Aid Society.

Returning to Pennsylvania in 1982, Luttenauer served as a staff attorney for Northwestern Legal Services that serves most of northwestern Pennsylvania.

In 1984, he and his wife, Kathleen, moved to Duhring, a small town near Marienville. He has a private legal practice in Kane and Marienville.

Luttenauer is a member of the Forest-Warren Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He is past president of the McKean County Bar Association and has served as solicitor for the Borough of Kane and Hamilton Township, both in McKean County.

He is admitted to practice in the Pennsylvania courts as well as the federal courts for the Western and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He also taught constitutional law at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

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