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Federal Criminal Defense Attorney Joins Kluttz Reamer

Andrew "Drew" Cochran, who has a combined nine years of experience as a prosecutor in the state courts of Forsyth County and the federal court for the Middle District of North Carolina, and district courts, has joined the Salisbury law firm of Kluttz, Reamer, Hayes, Adkins, & Carter, L.L.P.

He will concentrate his practice on federal and state court criminal defense and will be accepting felony, misdemeanor and traffic cases in Rowan and surrounding counties. The law firm believes that Cochran's experience in federal criminal trials allows it to help satisfy a largely unmet need in Rowan County.

Cochran is a 2006 graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law and a 2002 magna cum laude graduate of Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, with degrees in history and Spanish. Cochran is married with two children and previously served as head junior varsity baseball coach at RJ Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem.

He was employed by the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office for five years and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of North Carolina for four years. At the D.A.'s Office, Cochran served as a Superior Court Assistant District Attorney for the Violent Crimes Division and the General Felony Division. As a Special Assistant United States Attorney, Cochran was responsible for prosecuting gun and drug crimes coming out of Forsyth County. He also wrote briefs and argued to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and will be doing federal criminal appeals for Kluttz Reamer.

Randy Reamer, senior partner at Kluttz Reamer, said that Cochran's practice areas, especially federal criminal defense, bring the law firm additional expertise to help clients locally. Previously, many people seeking legal assistance in federal criminal cases had to look outside the county as there were few attorneys here accepting federal criminal cases.

Kluttz Reamer's areas of practice include Family Law, Real Estate Law, Personal Injury and Wrongful death, Estate and Trust Planning and Administration; Civil Litigation, State Criminal Defense, Federal Criminal Defense, Bankruptcy, Business Law, and Collections.

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Kluttz Reamer, as currently constituted, dates back to 1954 when Clarence Kluttz and Lewis Hamlin took over the Salisbury office of Craig and Craig, a firm that originated in Rowan County in the 1830s. Other partners are Glenn Hayes, Michael Adkins and Jeremy Carter. The firm's 10 attorneys

regularly practice in the District and Superior Courts of Rowan, Cabarrus, Iredell, Davie, Stanly and Davidson counties, as well as the U.S. District Courts in the Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina.

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