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Marjorie J. Smith was a prosecutor and retired as Chief of the Special Victims Bureau of the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office in 2014. Ms. Smith prosecuted domestic violence, child abuse, homicide and sex offense cases for over 30 years, and oversaw development of the Special Victims Bureau during her tenure with the office. From a non-existent program, the position evolved to supervision of a team composed of four Senior Assistant District Attorneys, a District Attorney's Investigator charged with coordinating the law enforcement response to child abuse, and four Domestic Violence Outreach Workers.

Along with prosecutorial responsibilities, Ms. Smith took on a leadership role in the community, where she has selflessly participated in various organizations dedicated to ending domestic violence and other heinous crimes involving special victims. Ms. Smith is a true champion for victims in her local community and well beyond, and has been recognized and honored for her heroic work by numerous organizations.

In retirement, Ms. Smith continues to serve as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence and as a Citizen Appointment to the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Grace Smith House and a member of New York Women in Law Enforcement.

Ms. Smith graduated from Dutchess Community College in 1976 and SUNY Albany in 1978, with a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude, and she attended Albany Law School of Union University, where she obtained a Juris Doctor cum laude in 1981. Ms. Smith grew up in Pleasant Valley and graduated from Arlington High School in 1974.