

# Ed Brodsky runs for 12th Circuit State Attorney

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*SARASOTA* - Lawyer Ed Brodsky officially kicked off his campaign for 12th Circuit State Attorney on Tuesday, saying he is uniquely qualified to be the area's top prosecutor.

Brodsky, 46, has been the chief assistant state attorney for about a year, having worked his way up through the office for the past 20 years. He previously ran the Manatee County branch of the prosecutor's office, was a felony division chief and prosecuted serious sex crimes.

"I've worked in all facets of the office," Brodsky said. "Because of my job, I have the administrative and managerial experience to run this office. I'm the most uniquely trained and qualified to continue the leadership of this office."

Brodsky said he went to law school to become a prosecutor. "I'm passionate in leading this office in the future," he said.

Incumbent State Attorney Earl Moreland announced this year he will not seek re-election in 2012, and will retire after 24 years as the top prosecutor in Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties.

This will be the first contested election for the spot in more than two decades.

Brodsky said he has the support of Moreland and the sheriffs of all three counties. Bradenton attorney and former prosecutor Peter Lombardo has also filed to run for the spot.

Both Brodsky and Lombardo are Republicans; the primary election is in August 2012. No Democrats have filed to run for the post so far.