

## Joe Jansen

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### *Chief of Special Operations Division*

**Joe Jansen** serves as the Chief of the Special Operations Division. The Division includes the following units: Homicide, Violent Crime Reduction Task Force, Public Integrity, Prosecutor's Auto Theft, Asset Forfeiture, Mortgage and Deed Fraud, Arson Reduction, and Business Protection. Mr. Jansen joined the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in 1994. He was originally assigned to the Warrant and Preliminary Examination Division. In 1995, he transferred to the General Trials Division. In 1998, he joined the Homicide Unit and was part of a team that was responsible for vertically prosecuting homicides throughout Wayne County. He was then assigned to the Special Operations Division as a Community Prosecutor, where he helped develop it into a vertical prosecution unit for nonfatal shooting and armed robbery cases. In 2011, he supervised the Mortgage and Deed Fraud Unit as a lead attorney to investigators and assistant prosecutors vertically prosecuting mortgage and real estate fraud crimes. In 2015, Mr. Jansen was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Special Operations Division, and in 2019, was promoted to Chief of the Division.



Mr. Jansen attended the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and graduated Cum Laude in 1993. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science. He worked in the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department as a forensic chemist upon graduating from MSU.