

Candidate for Washington County District Attorney

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Question #1: List your academic and professional credentials, specific accomplishments and volunteer activities. State why you are running and what qualifies you for this office. (100 words total)

I am running for the position of District Attorney to restore trust, effectiveness, and a sense of service to the offices in Washington and Nowata counties. I have 26 years of extensive experience in criminal and civil litigation that I will use in the courtroom to serve the citizens of our counties. I have a keen sense of responsibility to preserve and use your tax dollars wisely in this difficult economic climate.

Question #2: What do you see as the most important issues facing your office and staff? (200 words or less)

The greatest task I have ahead of me is restoring trust and confidence in the District Attorney's office with county government offices, law enforcement, and our citizens. I will restore lines of communication with County officials and develop procedures to promptly and competently provide legal advice and action responsive to their needs which will enable them to serve the public's best interest. My staff and I will restore trust with law enforcement by being accessible to officers. We will be available for trial preparation, consultation for arrest and search warrant preparation, and generally converse professionally and promptly with these men and women on whom we daily depend. Finally, I will restore an attitude of service in the office of District Attorney, particularly with respect to victims and their families. Being in a law practice for 26 years, I understand that the office and its staff ultimately exist and are compensated to serve our citizens, earning their confidence. This includes jealously protecting our tax dollars, especially during these difficult economic times.