

1. The District Attorney's Office only handles criminal matters initiated by law enforcement or in some circumstances by individual citizens. District Attorney's Office personnel cannot arrest anyone. However, the District Attorney must ensure that people within the criminal justice system be treated fairly and appropriately, be they defendants, witnesses, or victims. I am concerned that all victims, in all neighborhoods, be given the assistance they need and the respect they deserve. I am especially concerned about the victims of violent crime. My Office will make sure that the voices of victims are heard in our courtrooms. Ours is a nation of laws, and justice cannot be influenced by anything other than the law and the facts of the case. The District Attorney, by upholding his or her ethical and moral obligation to see justice done, should help to combat improper bias within the criminal justice system. I will treat all individuals fairly and will not tolerate race or other unlawful discrimination. I do have concerns about how long people stay in jail awaiting trial while our courtrooms go unused.
2. I agree wholeheartedly with the immigration policies of the President. However, with regard to the local District Attorney's Office, federal immigration policy is not an issue over which the Pitt County District Attorney has jurisdiction. Local law enforcement does not and cannot deport anyone. The United States government deports. Illegal immigration cases are heard in federal court and not in state court. Because the District Attorney's Office cannot deport anyone, the focus of this campaign should be on the need for that Office to try more cases, to win more of the cases that are tried, and using the available court time to reduce the number of people in jail awaiting trial at a cost to the taxpayers of this county of \$77.00 per person, per day.
3. All crime in Pitt County is a problem, especially for the victims of those crimes. One of my biggest concerns is the people who continue to break the law while they're awaiting trial on other charges. As your District Attorney, I promise to try more cases, try those cases more quickly, win more of those cases and take these criminals off the street, making our county safer.
4. The current Pitt County District Attorney's Office lacks leadership. I am the only person seeking the office of Pitt County District Attorney to have served as an Assistant District Attorney, an Army officer, and in private practice. I have supervised and led soldiers, lawyers, legal staff, employees, and met a payroll on a monthly basis. I am best able to lead the Pitt County District Attorney's Office in the direction it needs to go. We must have new leadership to change the disturbing statistics we have seen from that Office, by trying more cases and winning more of the cases that are tried. I am confident that my leadership abilities will help the Office accomplish these tasks and make Pitt County safer.

I am 50 years old.

I have practiced law for almost 26 years. I was an Assistant District Attorney in this county for 7 years. During my time as an Assistant District Attorney, I prosecuted in front of juries everything from first degree murder, to rape, to armed robbery, to felonious assaults, down to traffic matters. I was also a JAG officer in the United States Army Reserve for 10 years, and handled criminal matters as a prosecutor and a defense counsel while on active duty. I have been in private practice for many years, where I have tried many jury trials involving personal injuries, business disputes and contract matters. I have tried child custody cases, equitable distribution cases and am a certified arbitrator and mediator.

I have never before run for public office. But just as when I served our country as an officer in the Army, I felt personally compelled to return to the District Attorney's Office to lead it back to the way it functioned before, when cases were tried and criminals were held accountable.

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