



VOTE NOV. 7TH **ELLENSON** COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY

- **EXPERIENCED**
- **TRUSTWORTHY**
- **RESPONSIVE**

Dear Voters,

I am urging you to vote for me in the election for Commonwealth Attorney on November 7, 2023. I trust that after reading this letter, you will appreciate my concern for the community I want to serve.

I am the son and nephew of well-respected attorneys in Newport News, where I was born and raised. I graduated from Warwick High School in 1974, the College of William and Mary in 1978, and the law school at William and Mary in 1981. I have practiced law in Newport News, and Norfolk and Richmond federal courts, for most of my life. I moved to Franklin in 2013 where I also have an office in the Franklin Business Center.

The incumbent has been a commonwealth attorney here since 1996, but in recent years he has angered diverse sectors of the community over his uneven and inconsistent application of the law, which is why many prominent citizens approached me to run. Both of us are running as independents, but I would be the only one running to promote a fair and even application of the law. I would not miss filing deadlines resulting in dropping of a felony hit and run where a death was involved. I would not authorize the arrest of 72-year-old men at midnight on misdemeanor charges that happened days before – when a simple signature on a summons would suffice. I would not interrupt grieving family members when they are giving victim-witness testimony in court.

**WE NEED A NEW PROSECUTOR IN OUR
NEW COURTHOUSE; ONE THAT'S EXPERIENCED,
TRUSTWORTHY, AND RESPONSIVE.**

I support law enforcement and would allow them to do their job without micromanagement. Not a wallflower, I am well-known across southeastern Virginia for representing various clients in a myriad of cases and circumstances. I have tried over 150 juries, both criminal and civil, including some 35 in federal court. I am bringing over 42 years of legal experience to the job. I would use that experience to complement and aid the police and deputies so as to insure the safety of Franklin and Southampton County.

As a patriotic American, lifelong Virginian, dedicated husband, and father of four amazing daughters, I know the pain of both victims and defendants, which I believe is a sign of a good prosecutor. I believe that we should do strict justice when necessary, but also practice compassion when called for. I will always do my best to be transparent, committed and responsive. Please vote for me in the November election.

Respectfully,
James Ellenson

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