

Michael Farlow

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROSECUTORIAL EXPERIENCE

Worcester County Office of the State's Attorney (2003-2010, and 2018-current) – From 2003 to 2010, I served as Assistant State's Attorney and Deputy State's Attorney for both the District and Circuit Court Divisions. As Deputy State's Attorney I was responsible for the supervision of attorneys and administrative staff, attorney training and education, along with additional administrative tasks. On those occasions when the State's Attorney was unavailable, I was responsible for the administration of the entire office. My duties also included conducting and coordinating investigative functions of the office, including consulting and advising police agencies in the drafting of search warrants, investigative subpoenas, and wiretap applications. I reviewed investigative reports of unattended deaths, suspected child abuse, suspected welfare fraud, and other matters. I also prepared and presented matters to the Grand Jury for indictment, and misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile cases to judges and juries. I was the lead prosecutor in multiple homicide trials and was substantially involved in numerous other homicide cases. I was also responsible for civil asset forfeitures and collateral review cases. I received specialized training in the prosecution of controlled dangerous substances crimes and in civil asset forfeiture.

I am currently serving as an Assistant State's Attorney in the District Court Division, where I am responsible for the prosecution of hundreds of cases per year. I was recently named "Prosecutor of the Year" by the Ocean City Knights of Columbus Lodge.

GENERAL LEGAL PRACTICE

Sole Practitioner (2003-04, 2011-2018) – Owner/operator of a single lawyer, general practice of law with a primary focus on criminal defense, family law, civil litigation, corporate law, and estate planning.

Child counsel certified since 2011.

Caldwell & Whitehead, P.A. (2003) - Associate

Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy & Almand (2000) – Summer Associate

Law Office of Frank Benvenuto (1997) - Law Clerk

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Salisbury University (2004-2014) – Adjunct Lecturer of Political Science – Teaching areas include Introduction to Political Science, Introduction to American Politics, Judicial Processes, and a senior level seminar in Campaigns and Campaign Management. As an adjunct lecturer, my responsibilities include designing syllabi, assignments, and exams for each course while incorporating appropriate teaching styles for

varying levels of university students. I have consistently received excellent evaluations for the courses. Evaluations available upon request.

Salisbury University (2011-2013) – Adjunct Lecturer of Education – Teaching area included graduate level courses in Public School Law.

Widener University School of Law – Academic Support Fellow (2000); Research Assistant for Professor Edmund Luce (1999-2000); Editorial Staff Member of *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* (1999-2001)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Circuit Court for Worcester County (2001-2003) Judicial Law Clerk for the Hon. Judge Eschenberg and the Hon. Judge Groton - Assisted in the preparation of cases in many areas of civil, domestic, and criminal law, as well as drafted over twenty opinions for civil and criminal cases, review of Exceptions to Master's Reports, administrative agency appeals, District Court Appeals, post-conviction petitions, Declaratory Judgment cases, and other proceedings. Reviewed motions and advised Judges on the disposition of those requests.

Delaware Supreme Court (2000-2001) Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Justice (now retired Chief Justice) Myron Steele - Duties include drafting bench memos, orders, and opinions encompassing a diverse array of legal topics, including family law, criminal law, corporate law, civil law and equity. The position required extensive research and writing.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE

Town of Pittsville - Commissioner (1995-1998) – One of five elected Commissioners who exercised both executive and legislative functions for the municipal government. Duties included oversight of public works, personal interaction with the community, budgetary review, legislative drafting and debate; Planning and Zoning Board (1995).

Maryland Governor's Commission on Service, Grant Reviewer (1997).

Town of Snow Hill - (2010-2011) Election Ordinance Study Committee, Chair; (2011-2020) Historical Commission; Charter Review Committee, Chair (2022)

Wicomico County – (2008-2011) County Executive Fire Chief's Advisory Committee; (2005-2006) Fire Services Agreement Committee; (1997-1998) Agriculture Reconciliation Committee; (1997) Right to Farm Legislative Drafting Committee.

Wicomico County Democratic Central Committee – (2005-08), Vice Chair 2006-08.

Worcester County Shoreline Commission – (2013-15), Attorney

Democratic Candidate for Worcester County State's Attorney – 2014

EDUCATION

Widener University School of Law (1998-2001); 16th of 268, 3.478 GPA, Juris Doctor earned May 2001; Studied abroad at the **Graduate Institute of International Studies** in Geneva, Switzerland. Graduated *Cum Laude*.

Salisbury University (1994-1998); Received Bachelor of Arts, with Majors in Political Science, Philosophy, and History; cumulative undergraduate GPA, 3.458; Graduated *Cum Laude*.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Widener University School of Law - (2000-2001) Wolcott Fellow - provided academic credit and a scholarship to serve twenty hours per week clerking for the Honorable Justice (now Chief Justice) Myron T. Steele of the Delaware Supreme Court; (1999-2001) *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law*, Editorial Staff member; (1998-2001) Widener Scholar; award of full academic scholarship; Dean's List (6 semesters).

Salisbury University - Justin Y. Shen Memorial Award in Political Science; Dean's List (6 semesters).

HONOR SOCIETIES

Phi Delta Phi, Harrington Inn Honor Chapter, Legal Honors Society; **Phi Kappa Phi**, Legal Honors Society; **Phi Sigma Tau**, Philosophy Honors Society; **Pi Gamma Mu**, Social Sciences Honors Society; **Pi Sigma Alpha**, Political Science Honors Society; **Phi Alpha Theta**, History Honors Society.

National Dean's List; Four Entries; **All American Scholar**; Two Entries

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATIONS

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Worcester County Bar Association (2002-current), President 2009-2010;
American Bar Association (2001-02);
Maryland State Bar Association (2001-02, 2009-11, 2024-current);
Maryland Young Lawyers Bar Association (2001-02);
Wicomico County Bar Association (2003-2007, 2011);
Association of Certified Asset Forfeiture Specialists (2009-2010);
National District Attorney's Association (2018-current).

CIVIC AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department Lifetime Member (2008-current); Active Member (1993-2008), served

several terms as Secretary and as a Director, Firefighter of the Year (2004); Cadets (1988-1993)
Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company (2008-current), Chaplain (2019-current), Marshal (2021-current)
Wicomico County Volunteer Firefighter's Association – President, 2005
MSFA Foundation - Board of Directors (2009-current)
Pittsville Lions Club (1994-2009), President (2002-04)
Wicomico County Democratic Club (1994-2008), President (2006-07)
Worcester County Democratic Club (2008-2015)
Snow Hill Lions Club (2014-current), President (2019-20), First Vice President (2018-19)
Order of DeMolay (1991-1996) – State Master Councilor 1995-96
Wicomico Lodge #91 AF&AM (1996-current); Sinepuxent Lodge #193 (2009-current)
Firefighters' Historical Foundation of Delmarva
NAACP (2008-2011)
Ducks Unlimited, (2015-2022) – helped to plan the annual Ducks Unlimited dinner and auction from 2015 to 2019;
Snow Hill Christian Nursery School, Board of Directors (2020-current), Vice Chair 2024-current

LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Fire Essentials I-IV (equivalent to Fire Fighter II), MFRI (1991-current)
Rescue Technician, MFRI (1992-current)
Truck Company Operations, MFRI
Cardiac Rescue Technician, MIEMSS (1998-2006)
Emergency Medical Technician (1993-98, 2006-current)
Maryland TAM (Total Alcohol Management) – (2016-current)
Maryland Notary (expired 2023)

ORDINATIONS

Minister – Universal Life Church

HONORS AND AWARDS

Prosecutor of the Year (2022) – Ocean City, Knights of Columbus
Firefighter Hall of Fame (2014) – Maryland State Firefighters Association
Firefighter of the Year (2004) – Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department
Degree of Chevalier (1995) – Order of DeMolay

PUBLICATION

“We Are Not Where We Want to Be” *Scottish Rite Journal*, October 1999

PRESENTATIONS

How to Win Elections – Presented to the Civic and Government Leadership Academy, sponsored by Salisbury University's PACE Institute – 2006

Domestic Violence Prevention – Presented to the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs annual convention,

2009.

Preventing Identity Theft – Presented to Faith Community Church, 2010.

Arson Detection and Prosecution – Presented to the Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department, 2010; Presented at continuing education in-service training for the Ocean City Fire Marshall's Office, 2010; Presented at in service training for Worcester County Fire Marshall's Office, 2024.

Protecting Your Rights – Presented to various on-campus organizations at Salisbury University from 2009-2012.

Sexual Harassment and Hostile Work Environments. Various seminars

DUI/DWI enforcement – Worcester County Sheriff's Office, 2024

Ocean City Police Department Seasonal Officer Academy – Courtroom demeanor and testimony, 2019-2024

MEDIA APPEARANCES

WMDT News, Interview, Election readiness, November 8, 2004

PAC-14, *Backtalk*, "Plamegate", 2007

PAC-14, *Backtalk*, "Wiretapping and the Impeachment Process", 2006

Preventing Identity Theft – *Delmarva Life*, April 2012

How Much Did You Really Drink? – *Delmarva Life*, July 2012

Six Degrees of Murder "Sensing Secrets" – Air date August 3, 2016

Buried in the Backyard "Bed and Breakfast and Body" – Air date July 1, 2018

The Shadows of Death "The Promise" – Air date August 15, 2019

True Crime Story: It Couldn't Happen Here "Pocomoke City, Maryland" Air date September 8, 2022