

Michael Farlow

Member of the Maryland Bar since 2001

Testimonials

Mike's thorough and conscientious approach to his duties and painstaking determination for preparation and accuracy in his work has led to success in all his endeavors... Yet, it is his record of community service which, in my mind, singles Mike Farlow out as an outstanding nominee for the District Court. He has devoted his entire adult life to following

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his family's commitment to public service through leadership positions in the Lions Club, Volunteer Fire Company and other organizations that interact on a daily basis with the full gamut of society's members. Mike would bring to the position of judge a full and empathetic understanding of life's experiences and challenges which will serve him (and the public) well when dispensing justice, no matter what the case may be... Mike constantly impressed me with the wisdom and practical attention to our mutual concerns he brought to the table... Respected and popular home-town native, successful attorney and

prosecutor, dedicated public servant and hard-working, conscientious citizen, you will not find a more qualified and deserving person to consider for appointment to our State's judiciary. (2022)

Rick Pollitt - Former Wicomico County Executive

Mike is a talented litigator, keen observer, patient teacher, and welcome colleague. He has an excellent temperament coupled with a wealth of experience and knowledge of the law... Before I took office in 2019, Mike was assigned to prosecute serious felonies in the circuit court, but he requested that I transfer him to our District Court Division because of his passion for managing the docket and interacting with victims, witnesses and police. For the past 5 years, he has been an anchor and resource for the younger prosecutors in that Division. He is adept at multi-tasking and efficiently prosecuting a very busy docket, while still managing to make people feel heard and valued. Mike successfully prosecuted some of the most publicized cases from the Ocean City boardwalk in recent years, and has done so responsibly, without caving to media or social pressure campaigns. (2022)

Kris Heiser - Worcester County State's Attorney

Mr. Farlow's background in the fire service of Maryland has made him a respected and valuable asset because he understands the conditions we work under, the terminology, and the camaraderie of the fire service. This may seem unusual, but it allows Mr. Farlow to better understand some of the situations presented within the fire service community. (2022)

Mr. Farlow also excels in teaching as he has taken time on many occasions to make members of the Trustees, as well as the officers of the Maryland State Firefighters Association understand why something is the way it is, or why it needs to be a particular way because of the law. He seems to have a knack for listening, then applying the appropriate information to the situation at hand. Mr. Farlow is always courteous and respectful in his words and actions. His work is always thorough, complete, and timely. (2022)

Doug Alexander - Past Chair, MSFA Board of Trustees, Carroll County

He quickly gained my confidence and never disappointed me in the prosecution of his cases nor in his administrative tasks. Over our time together, I received numerous complements for his legal skills and person compassion from victims and family members of victims. (2022)

Joel Todd - Former Worcester County State's Attorney

Throughout the years I have had the opportunity to watch Mr. Farlow on a variety of cases in court and was always impressed with his appearance, demeanor, and attitude. Mr. Farlow is a fair and realistic person who will serve honorably as a sitting Judge. (2022)

K.P. - Worcester County Sheriff's Office

Mr. Farlow has exhibited his willingness to serve the citizens of the State of Maryland through his active participation in the volunteer fire service. His commitment of time and expertise as a volunteer fire service member also warrants special consideration as he seeks to further his service and commitment to the public safety of his constituents. (2022)

Ken Bush - Asst. Parliamentarian, MSFA

My name is Lynn Dodenhoff. I am the mother of Christine Shetty. My daughter was reported missing November 13, 2007 and ultimately her remains were recovered February 19, 2010 in Snow Hill, Maryland.

Mike made himself available to me and my family when we needed him most. He was professional, kind and caring. In my opinion you will never find a more qualified candidate for this important position. Mike has been both a prosecutor and defense lawyer. He has taught classes at the University and is involved in his community. Mike is also a family man with two beautiful young daughters and his wife Michelle who is in the healthcare field.

Mike's cool demeanor under pressure and lifelong commitment to service would be excellent attributes to bring to the judicial bench. (2025)

Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department

He is highly talented, but at the same time grounded with a clear sense of right and wrong, of humility and fairness in the way he treats everyone... I have had

His dedication to the fire service and willingness to help anyone in need shows that his heart is in public service. (2022)

Reverend John Long
Chief Chaplain, MSFA
Anne Arundel County

the pleasure of being defense co-council with him on several criminal cases where I witnessed, from the inside, his patient, intelligent decision making, and his extraordinary commitment to thoroughness and preparation. It was both humbling and highly satisfying to

have the opportunity to work with a colleague of this caliber... The words respect, integrity and civility are the first to come to mind. He is a thoughtful listener, extraordinarily fair, and I am confident in saying that my assessment of him is shared by the local bar and everyone that has contact with him. (2022)

J.W. - Defense Attorney

Even the most experienced prosecutors in my office frequently seek Mr. Farlow's advice in navigating cases as his moral compass, practical experience, and knowledge of the law is in a class of its own... Mr. Farlow has a consistent reputation for being justice-centered, fair, and one of the best trial attorneys in the State. (2022)

K.G., Esq. - Non-Profit Attorney

Regardless of which side he is lawyering - Defending or Prosecuting, two attributes immediately come to mind when working with Mike. He is always fair and never overbearing - thus eliminating any perception that carrying out the letter of the law, is personal. (2022)

M.P. - Retired, Ocean City Police Department

I can unequivocally state without any doubt whatsoever that Mike Farlow is one of the most genuine individuals I know and a man of good moral character. I have always known him to be a highly intelligent man who makes decisions based on all known facts, always fair and impartial to all and never quick to pass judgment. It is my observation that he strongly embraces diversity, equality, and inclusion for all people. Mr. Farlow is a role model to many, and a devoted father and husband. His incredible work ethic and dedication to duty are worthy of the highest praise. It is my strong belief that his integrity,

honesty, and impeccable credibility would well serve the citizens of Worcester County and the State of Maryland. (2022)

Paul Sterling – Past President, MSFA, Montgomery County

Michael is a man who cares about his community, and it shows as he is currently a volunteer fireman with Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company and is a lifetime member of the Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department. He is active with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, serving as its attorney since 2004 when I first met Michael. In 2014, his contributions were recognized when he was inducted into the MSFA Hall of Fame. (2022)

David Keller – Past President MSFA, Frederick County

He is good at seeing all sides of an issue and works toward equitable solutions. He is balanced and fair in his dealings with all sorts and conditions of people and situations. His temperament is calm and reasoned, and he is not easily rattled. (2022)

Skip Carey – President, Maryland State Firefighters Association

Mike is a competent and experienced trial lawyer. But he is also fair, ethical reasonable, practical, and a seeker of true justice. Temperament is an important character trait in a judge for trial attorneys and the citizens who appear before him. Mike is polite, patient, and friendly even while working in an adversarial environment. (2025)

A.M. – Defense Attorney

It is also critical that a judge understand the community and local bar with which they will interact on a daily basis. Mr. Farlow has intimate knowledge of Worcester County through his public service. It's clear that he loves his community. Moreover, he is familiar with all members of the local bar and was a critical part of making the Snow Hill District Court one of, if not, the most efficient district courts in the entire state. As someone who has practiced in nearly every district court in the state, Snow Hill is the ideal district court - fair, reasonable and efficient. The docket always runs smoothly when Mr. Farlow leads the docket. (2025)

E.G. – Defense Attorney