

Steven G. Keene has run for this office previously and came in a close second. Keene owns Virginia Justice & Safety Associates which promotes justice and safety through education, awareness, preparedness and training. He assists felons needing help with documentation to obtain the right to vote, to possess a firearm or have their driver's licenses restored. He also teaches gun safety and a course for clients seeking a concealed-carry permit.

In late 2022, he was charged with a misdemeanor count of practicing as an attorney without a license while doing the work described above. His case will be heard on April 11, 2023. Keene says this charge is politically motivated; the commonwealth attorney says it's a coincidence because they finally had sufficient evidence at that time to charge him with the crime. In 2002, Keene, while employed as a state trooper, was convicted of several felonies for altering or forging vehicle titles.