

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

My name is Jim Beeler, and serving as Judge of the Calhoun County Court at Law has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Tonight, I humbly ask for your vote on March 3rd so I may continue serving this community that my family and I are proud to call home.

For more than 41 years, my wife Brenda and I have built our life while raising five sons. Calhoun County is more than a place on a map to me — it is home. It is where we were married, where we have worshiped, worked, and stood beside our neighbors in both good times and challenging ones.

Several people have asked what does the County Court at Law do? Calhoun County does not have a District Judge that presides in Calhoun County every day. Our District Judges travel around a “Circuit” of six counties. The County Court at Law is unusual in that it has the same jurisdiction as a District Court except that it does not handle felony criminal cases. The Calhoun County Court at Law takes care of misdemeanor cases, juvenile cases, child protective services cases, probate cases, divorce cases, and civil cases. I also approve and sign Search Warrants and Arrest

Warrants after making sure the required affidavit showing probable cause are in proper order. I am at the courthouse five days a week.

Every day in the County Court at Law, I see firsthand how deeply the court's decisions affect people's lives — families searching for stability, children needing protection, victims seeking justice, and citizens placing their trust in the rule of law. When someone walks into my courtroom, they deserve more than just a legal process — they deserve to be heard, to be treated with dignity, and to know the judge behind the bench is guided by fairness, experience, and compassion.

Service is not new to my family — it is our legacy. I served our nation as an Army Captain in combat during the Vietnam War. My father served in combat in the South Pacific as a First Lt. during World War II. In fact, for all of the 250 years this Country has existed, the Beeler family has answered the call to defend this country and the freedoms we hold dear. That tradition of service shaped who I am, and it continues to guide me today.

A courtroom is no place for on-the-job training. The people of Calhoun County deserve a judge who is steady, proven, and unwavering in their commitment to the law.

This fall, my family will have proudly served this county for a combined 65 years. I do not take that lightly. Public service is not just what I do — it is who I am.

I would be deeply honored to earn your vote, your trust, and your confidence.

Thank you for your time tonight, may God bless you and your families, and may God continue to bless Calhoun County.