



PAUL RIDGE

CLASS OF 1972

Paul Ridge's activities during his years at Point Pleasant High School included varsity football, baseball and track. He also was a member of the Student Council and the Key Club. After high school, Paul decided to take some time off to think about what he would like to do with his life. He later decided to enroll at the University of Vermont, where he graduated in 1978 with a Bachelors of Arts Degree. He decided he wanted to become a lawyer and was accepted into St. John's Law School. Paul received his Law Degree in 1981 and headed to Florida to begin his career.

After college in Vermont, and law school in New York, he opted for the warmth and sunshine of South Florida. He secured a position as Assistant State Attorney in the Dade County State Attorney's Office. In this position, he became a Major



Crimes Attorney, responsible for investigation of all capital homicides and other complex high profile cases.

He remained in that position until 1992 when he joined the law firm of Adomo and Zeder in their litigation section as a partner. In 1995 he was a founding partner in the firm of Syzmoniak and Ridge.

In 1998 he answered the call from his government and went to Washington D.C. to become The Deputy Chief of Capital Crimes in the US Department of Justice. In his current position he reports directly to the Attorney General and is responsible for the evaluation of all capital case submissions and litigation support for all capital cases.

In addition to his busy work schedule, he also volunteered at the West Brouard Chapter of the YMCA, has coached football, basketball and baseball teams from 1991 thru 1998. He also was a member of the YMCA Partners With Youth Annual Fund Raising Campaign, serving as Subcommittee Chairman for Professional Organizations from 1996 to 1998.

Paul lives in Ellicot City, Maryland with his wife, the former Lorraine Liguori PPBHS class of '73, and their two sons Paul, 15 and Peter 12.