

# Seaman receives backing of local law enforcement

**BY BRIAN SEAMAN**

I'm Brian Seaman and am running for district attorney. I'm proud to let you know that I have been endorsed for this important position by a number of key law enforcement organizations and leaders from all over Niagara County. Current and past leaders who have endorsed me include Sheriff Jim Voutour, Lewiston Police Chief Frank Previte, Town of Niagara Police Chief Jim Suito, Lockport Police Chief Larry Eggert, North Tonawanda Police Chief Bill Hall, and Middleport Police Chief John Swick. I am also endorsed by the Niagara County Deputy Sheriffs PBA, the New York State Police

Investigators Association, and the Western New York Association of Retired Law Enforcement Personnel Inc., not to mention the many, many individual law enforcement officials from police forces across the county who are supporting me.

The reason I have this law enforcement support is simple. I worked hand in hand with these individuals when I was an assistant district attorney and they know what kind of prosecutor I was. Sheriff Voutour put it this way, "Brian was the kind of prosecutor that my investigators wanted working on their cases because he was tough, thorough, and hard-working. He always

gave our cases the attention they deserved and got results."

Law enforcement officers want a DA who will work as hard as they do to bring justice for crime victims and keep our communities safe. That is the type of assistant DA I was, and the type of district attorney I will be if elected.

Law enforcement officers also want a DA who has experience handling prosecutions of serious crimes. The last thing they want is a DA who has never handled a serious felony prosecution. In my time as an assistant DA, I tried cases, and obtained convictions, of crimes such as murder, attempted murder of a

police officer, first degree robbery, first degree burglary, and many other serious felonies. I've presented complicated cases of fraud, embezzlement, and elder exploitation to the grand jury, obtained indictments, and obtained convictions.

In contrast, my opponent spent his entire time in the DA's office handling misdemeanors in city and town courts. He has never tried a felony case. He has never even presented a case to a grand jury, or obtained an indictment. He simply doesn't have the proper experience for the position.

Who the district attorney is matters. The fact is that we live in a time and place where seri-

ous crimes are a reality. Crimes including murders, assaults, child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, robberies and burglaries are dealt with by our law enforcement officials every day. Did you know that there have already been 17 homicides in Niagara County this year? The district attorney has to be somebody who is prepared to handle these cases. I have the support of law enforcement in this election, because I have the experience and ability to meet the challenge. I respectfully ask for your vote on Election Day.

# Virtuoso endorses Ceretto for district attorney

I am Niagara County Legislator and Minority Leader Dennis Virtuoso. I give John Ceretto II my full endorsement for our next Niagara County district attorney.

I have known John and his family for a very long time. John

comes from a good family with good family values. John brings excellent credentials for this position. With his experience as an assistant district attorney and his experience as a private attorney, John has the qualifica-

tions to keep our neighborhoods and streets safe.

John has earned a deep respect for law enforcement officers and he knows how to bring communities together and bridge divisions. I have found John to

be fair, honest and reliable. He is committed and focused and he brings an independent voice to the office.

As your Niagara County legislator, I appreciate your support and I urge everyone to come out

and vote for John Ceretto II for our next Niagara County district attorney.

*Dennis Virtuoso  
Niagara County Legislator*

# Seaman best choice for DA

Having a safe community is a No. 1 priority to me as a voter and parent. That's why the election for our next district attorney has drawn my interest.

While examining the qualifications of both candidates, it imme-

diately became abundantly clear that Brian Seaman is the right person to prosecute criminals in our community. As an assistant district attorney, Brian Seaman has successfully tried felony cases such as murder, attempted mur-

der of a police officer and first-degree robbery. I was astounded to learn that his opponent has never tried a felony case.

To lead the district attorney's office, one should have the necessary experience, knowledge

and background to perform the job. When it comes to public safety and bringing justice to felony victims and their families, one can simply not risk having an inexperienced attorney at the helm. Without hesitation, I am

proudly casting my vote for Brian Seaman to be our next district attorney and urging you to do the same, for the safety of our community.

*Anita Muzzi  
Town of Lewiston*

# Says Seaman fights for justice

It is important to me to tell you about my experience with the candidate for district attorney, Brian Seaman.

As a crime victim advocate for a number of years and my husband a police officer, we often worked with Brian Seaman (at the time an assistant district attorney in Niagara County) in a professional setting. I couldn't have imagined that my husband would become a victim of a horrific crime, launching us as crime victims into the criminal justice system. Our world was immediately turned upside down.

At home we were dealing with the physical pain and fear that comes with the trauma of victimization. The uncertainty of my husband's physical health, his potential for surgery, and being out of work weighed heavily on our minds. We knew there was a lengthy court process that lay ahead and naturally we had trepidations as to how it would resolve.

As an advocate, it is innate for me to provide support through the criminal justice process and make sure victims receive the guidance that is so often

needed. But it was now my family needing to trust the process that I consistently tell victims to believe in. Brian Seaman worked alongside Robert Zucco as assistant district attorneys to prosecute the case. Together, they fought for justice for my husband and our family, keeping us involved every step of the way.

Brian proved to be an amazing advocate for the case, holding firm, and never swaying from professionalism. His dedication to the trial was exceptional.

As I did years ago, I put my full trust in Brian Seaman.

His compassion and character make it easy to wholly support him as the next district attorney of Niagara County.

*Kelly Bird  
North Tonawanda*

# Seeks support for Ceretto

I am voting for John Ceretto II for Niagara County district attorney on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

John has extensive experience in criminal court. While John worked as an assistant district attorney in Niagara County, he conducted numerous criminal trials and hearings, drafted countless motions and responses, and met with thousands of individuals affected by violent crime.

Today, John has a private practice where he works on criminal defense, family law and practice, real estate and corporate law, to

name a few. John is extremely dedicated to the work that he does.

Prior to this, John interned with a judicial law clerk at the New York State Supreme Court office in Niagara Falls. While John was an intern, he attended multiple court proceedings, helped draft court orders and decisions, and researched various issues regarding marital separation.

John is also committed to his community. John has been a four-time elected official holding the

positions of judicial delegate as a state representative and Niagara County committee person. During that time, John assessed candidates for upcoming elections. Finally, John is a member of the Lewiston Kiwanis Club where he is dedicated to improving the lives of children and our community.

I am asking for your support to vote for John Ceretto II for Niagara County district attorney on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

*Theresa Behm  
Lewiston*

# McMurray (cont.)

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McMurray, steadfastly determined, has come close, ran again and lost by a mere 5%. Volunteers collaborating for common good

are moving mountains, without help from the top. Trust the unpaid, true ambassadors for integrity. McMurray will not embarrass us, cheat or be distracted

like Chris Jacobs and the others. Vote for strong character and a stronger WNY! Vote!

*Carol Nochajski  
Wilson*

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