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## Ceretto helped victim of violent crime

On March 29, 2015, I was a victim of violent crime. John Ceretto II was the assistant district attorney that was assigned to the case and I couldn't have asked for anyone better to represent me.

He truly cared and appreciated how the incident affected me not only physically, but emotionally. He took the time to go through each legal step and explained everything thoroughly. Not only did he make sure everything was handled properly, he made sure

the defendant was held responsible for his actions.

I will be voting for John Ceretto II on Nov. 3 for Niagara County district attorney not only because he helped me during a difficult time in my life, but because I know he is willing to help anyone who deserves it – and will make sure the correct measures are taken for the ones who are responsible.

*Christopher J. Stanek  
Ransomville*

## Ceretto best choice for DA

My endorsement for Niagara County district attorney is John Ceretto II.

He is sincere, honest and caring. He has a great love of animals and helped establish the White Whiskers Senior Dog Sanctuary. He knows the value of hard work, starting at age 12 as a paperboy, then bus boy, assembly, and

worked throughout his school years.

He has prosecuted hundreds of cases throughout Niagara County, and his extensive experience makes him the best choice for our next district attorney.

*Mary Price  
Lewiston*

## Ceretto of good character, right choice for DA

I am writing this letter endorsing John Ceretto II's campaign for Niagara County district attorney. I've known John all his life, as his dad, John, and my husband, Ernie, are first cousins. And we have also been next-door neighbors for eight years.

John has been raised to be an honest, respectful, kind man. He has a great sense of humor and is outgoing and friendly. His upbringing is that of a man with good morals and is sincere in his best interest of the community, helping out at the Peach Festival for years and is now a member of the Lewiston Kiwanis Club.

John attended St. Peter's School in Lewiston, Lewiston-Porter junior and senior high schools, as well as BOCES, where he played sports and made lifelong friends. He then moved on to attend Buffalo State College, where he discovered his interest and love for law. John attended law school at the Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School. John interned with a judicial judge at the New York State Supreme Court office in Niagara Falls. He

was elected as a judicial delegate as a state representative and was a Niagara County committee person four times.

During that time, John assessed candidates for upcoming elections. John worked as a dedicated Niagara County assistant district attorney for five years, at which time he acquired a great deal of experience in criminal law, as well as meeting with many individuals affected by violent crime. John now has a private practice where he continues to gain experience in criminal defense, family law and practice, corporate law and real estate. John has had extended experience in conducting numerous trials and has drafted motions and responses.

In conclusion, I am confident you can see that John is more than qualified to become Niagara County's next district attorney. Please join me in voting for John Ceretto II on Nov. 3 for Niagara County district attorney. Thank you for your support.

*Patricia Grenzy  
Lewiston*

## Seaman 'backed by blue' for DA

Growing up, respect was always the name of the game. Respect your elders, respect our police officers and respect one another. And respect and trust are earned. Despite the challenges of social media and our current political discourse, I really believe that the overwhelming majority still abides by this general rule.

This is why I found it telling that so many law enforcement organizations and respected police leaders have endorsed and placed their trust in Brian Seaman to become Niagara County's next district attorney. Prior to retiring, these officials, including Sheriff Jim Voutour, Chief Larry Eggert, Chief William Hall and Capt. William Thomson, interacted with Brian as an assistant district attorney, and Brian earned their respect and support by always being prepared, hardworking and tough.

The Niagara County Deputy

Sheriff's PBA, the NYS Police Investigators Association and WNY Association of Retired Law Enforcement Personnel Inc. have all proudly backed Brian Seaman in the election for district attorney, as well.

As a member of law enforcement, I know that we take our jobs very seriously to ensure that our residents are safe and secure. We also understand that, when we make an arrest, it is the district attorney who is going to prosecute the crimes and ensure that justice is secured for our protection. Brian Seaman has the respect and backing of key law enforcement officials, and I am proud to call him a friend and the best candidate for district attorney.

On Election Day, please join me in voting for Brian Seaman as our next district attorney.

*Patrick Weidel  
Lockport*

## Seaman has real experience for district attorney

If I were to go to a heart surgeon, I'd expect the doctor to have performed heart surgery on other patients. It is critical that a surgeon have first-hand experience to consult with you and handle a procedure if needed.

With that point being made, I feel if there were a serious crime committed against me or my family, I would expect the elected district attorney of our county to have the practical experience gained from presenting over a multitude of cases before a grand jury. In addition, conducted felony trials in the courtroom with witnesses and a jury. Furthermore, our next DA must be versed in implementing vast knowledge in procedural matters, that have resulted in convictions by a jury to ensure justice was obtained.

My point is that experience and qualifications do count when evaluating someone for a position. On Election Day, Niagara County residents will be electing their next district attorney. It is a critical post with tremendous prosecutorial discretion and responsibility needed to lead an office of

assistant DAs, investigators and support staff, who are charged with prosecuting those who commit crime against our society.

There is only one candidate running for DA this year who has the actual experience of handling felony trials (like murder and robbery) and understands the real pressure and stakes of achieving results for victims and their families and putting dangerous individuals away. That's Brian Seaman!

As an assistant district attorney, Brian Seaman has stood in courtrooms and prosecuted during felony trials. These trials have resulted in successful convictions for murder, attempted murder of a police officer, and so many other serious crimes. I think it's very important to elect a person as our district attorney who has been tested and has real experience to handle the cases presented to his office.

On Election Day, join me in voting for Brian Seaman as our next district attorney.

*Ellen Kempa  
Town of Niagara*

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