# **WILLIAM F. NEELY**

PO Box 129 Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553

Married: Vickie Mitchell Neely Children: Sarah - born 1986

Education: Spotsylvania H.S. 1970

B.A. – Emory & Henry College 1974 J.D. – University of Richmond 1981 Virginia Bar Admission: 1981

#### Other service:

Virginia Criminal Justice Conference – steering committee
Virginia CA's Ass'n. - 1st district representative through 2015
Virginia State Bar 6<sup>th</sup> District Discipline Committee – 2008-2014
Spotsylvania Presbyterian Church - Charter member/ Elder 1984-2014
Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church - member
Spotsylvania Lions Club – 20 year member (until 2012)

Rappahannock Regional Jail Board – past member & past president Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Ctr. – board member



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### **EMPLOYMENT:**

2016 - Of counsel to law firm of Gardner & Burks, P.C.

1988 – 2015 Commonwealth's Attorney for Spotsylvania County

1982 – 88: Private Law Practice (part-time) Spotsylvania, VA

1982 – 88: Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney (part-time), Spotsylvania County

1981 – 82: Martin, Corboy & Hartley, Attorneys, Giles County, VA – Associate Attorney

1974 – 78: Spotsylvania Department of Social Services – Social Worker

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY:**

- 1. Established County's first full-time prosecutor's office 1988.
- 2. For over 27 years, with help of Sheriff's Department and the courts, kept County's violent crime rate at same low 4% as when first elected in 1988. (See Virginia State Police "Crime in Virginia" annual report).
- 3. Established first area C.A.'s office restitution collection account for crime victims 1988; (collecting nearly \$1,000,000 in restitution for crime victims since 1997).
- 4. Established Spotsylvania Victim/Witness Assistance Program 1996.
- Collected well over \$150,000 from "deadbeat" parents in criminal nonsupport prosecutions since 1997
- 6. Instituted drug asset forfeiture procedures to benefit local law enforcement agencies and to deny drug dealers the profits of their crimes.
- Instrumental in establishing Spotsylvania's participation in Regional Narcotics Task Force 1990-1997.
- 8. Instituted Spotsylvania's first investigative grand jury, which for example in 2004, resulted in shutting down 2 illegal massage parlors with convictions for prostitution, money laundering and pandering prostitution, plus significant criminal street gang and other successful complex prosecutions. (See 2011 special grand jury report to circuit court).
- 9. Supervised the prosecution of from 14,000 20,000 criminal cases annually with a staff of 9 assistant prosecutors, 2 victim/witness worker & 7 legal secretaries.
- 10. Personally prosecuted many of the most serious felony cases, such a murder, sexual assaults, robberies as well as more complex "white collar" crimes each year. (See examples below).

## SOME SIGNIFICIANT CASES PROSECUTED BY WILLIAM F. NEELY:

2014 – Commonwealth v. (Delegate) Joe Morrissey (as special prosecutor for Henrico County) –
 6 months in jail;

- 2014 Commonwealth v. George Crenshaw murder & burglary 43 years;
- 2013 Commonwealth v. Wendall Dean bank robbery 5<sup>th</sup>.offense 40 years
- 2012 Commonwealth v. Paul Harbison 6 years for embezzling from American Legion;
- 2011 Commonwealth v. Benny McCroskey 25 years for murder & grand larceny;
- 2010 (focused upon financial crimes during recession):
  - Rosalind Wright \$350,000 embezzlement 20 years with 18 1/2 suspended plus collected \$190,000 restitution before sentencing, defendant to pay balance on probation;
  - Sandra Allison \$263,000 embezzlement 20 years with 19 suspended & ordered to pay restitution in full on probation;
  - Timothy Tychan \$496,000 construction lien fraud pled guilty & ordered to pay \$250,000 restitution before sentencing in 2015; then balance of restitution to be paid after sentencing.
- 2008 2009 Commonwealth v. Jermaine Montgomery 3 life sentences for capital murder, robbery & abduction;
- 2007 Commonwealth v. Cleve Williams 2 life sentences for murder of elderly couple;
- 2006 Commonwealth v. Marvin Parker murder of boy at student dance 30 years;
- 2005 Commonwealth v. Large Virginia's first involuntary manslaughter conviction arising from pit bull dog mauling - 3 years;
- 2004 Commonwealth v. Fuentes & Thomas (ages 16 & 17) malicious wounding & robbery of elderly woman - 30 years (with 18 suspended);
- 2003 Commonwealth v. Tamir Wilson home invasion burglary, robbery & forcible sodomy 32 years;
- 2002 Commonwealth v. John Calavetinos rape, forcible sodomy & nighttime burglary 2 life sentences;
- 2001 Commonwealth v. Danny Yau conspiracy to distribute 700 lbs. of marijuana 10 years, plus \$65,000 drug asset forfeiture;
- 1999 2000 Commonwealth v. Michael Morris (capital) murder, rape, robbery & adduction 2 life sentences, plus 40 years;
- 1998 Commonwealth v. Floyd Lane rape & forcible sodomy of girl (3d. offense) 100 years;
- 1997 Commonwealth v, Thomas Bresco abduction & rape 30 years;
- 1996 Commonwealth v. James Kay abduction & rape 30 years;
- 1995 Commonwealth v. Mark Anderson armed burglary, rape & robbery 68 years;
- 1994 Commonwealth v. Paul Meredith rape of girl 88 years;
- 1993- Commonwealth v. Michael Chewning (15) murder of his grandmother 50 years;
- 1992- Commonwealth v. Ralph Evans murder & malicious wounding 58 years;
- 1991 Commonwealth v. Charles Allen armed burglary 32 years;
- 1990 Commonwealth v. Albert Shelton abduction & rape of college student life + 90 years;
- 1989 Commonwealth v. Theodocio Cardenas distribution of cocaine 13 yr. federal prison (case transferred to feds. & resulted in establishment of regional drug task force & grand jury).
- 1988 Commonwealth v. Larry Lazzazera distribution of cocaine 10 yr.