

LIBERTY COUNTY STATE COURT



CHESTLEY N. MERRITT, JR.
SOLICITOR - GENERAL

August 26, 2026

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I favorably recommend Mr. Richard E. Braun Jr. "Richy" for the position of District Attorney of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. I can think of no person more qualified, suited, and deserving of the responsibility of the Office.

In the many years I have known Richy, he has always had my fullest confidence as a highly skilled attorney, drawing on a wide range of practicing experiences. My earliest encounter with Richy in the practice of law was during his time at the firm of Braun & Braun, and he continues to impress the same level of professionalism and proficiency to this day. While maintaining the Office of Solicitor General of McIntosh County, Richy displays an inspiring ability to balance multiple courts across our circuit.

Since leaving Braun & Braun, Richy further expanded his reach into our local communities by providing legal counsel to the intricate issues facing numerous municipalities and School Boards within the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. Most recently Richy was appointed to the McIntosh County Industrial Development Authority and provides much needed guidance in the growth and development of the southern end of our Circuit.

It has been an honor to know and work with Richy Braun. He has my fullest support and without hesitation, I recommend him for District Attorney of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. His capabilities coupled with his experience make him the perfect candidate to continue the outstanding work of our District Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chestley N. Merritt Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chestley N. Merritt Jr.
Solicitor General
Liberty County