

Bio

Born in South Africa and lived there until I was 15. Moved to the USA and received my degree from Georgia State and my law degree from John Marshall as a part time night student. I worked full time, mostly in Public Works and in construction.

My first job in the legal field was in the Hall County Solicitor's office, where I earned the assistant solicitor general of the year award.

My wife is Gretchen Eichenlaub, she was a labor and delivery nurse and became a woman's health nurse practitioner. She currently works at Savannah OB/GYN and is one of the few mental health certified nurse practitioners in Savannah and is on the board at Safe Shelter. We have three boys who all attend public school.

I was the Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney over State Court here in Chatham County for 8 years. I created multiple diversion programs. These programs were hugely successful, with around 95% of the defendants who completed the programs not committing future crimes. We had a Domestic Violence Court program that included treatment providers, victims, victim witness advocates and constant monitoring of the cases and court ordered treatment. We monitored homeless cases and had special DUI and Shoplifting dockets. As the Deputy Chief, I also took on a large caseload, where I was not only prosecuting cases in State Court, but also Recorder's Court, Magistrate Court, Thunderbolt, and Tybee Island.

One of the biggest achievements in State Court was moving to an electronic discovery system. This not only helped move cases, but gave a defense attorney the ability to speak with potential clients before their first appearance in state court knowing the facts and having a plea offer ready. I managed a caseload of 10,000-12,000 cases per year.

I am currently an assistant County Attorney in Chatham County and also the solicitor for Tybee Island and the part time assistant solicitor in Effingham County. I am on the board for WELD (we encourage living donors), because I was an altruistic liver donor. I am passionate about living organ donation and have spoken to different groups on the need and benefit for living organ donors. I was an Advisory Member of the Helping Hands of Savannah Organization where we helped the underprivileged youth and adults in Savannah. I am currently on the Board for Operation Kid Forward, which is an organization that helps underprivileged youth in our community. I am also the Cubmaster for Pack 57 in Skidaway and have been a leader there for 7 years. I was the PTA president for Hesse K-8 for 2 years and have been coaching youth soccer since I was 19. I recently graduated from the 2023 Leadership Savannah program. I am also a member at St. James Catholic Church.