

March 8, 2024

Dear Citizens of Darke County,

As your Darke County Sheriff and community Police Chiefs, we strongly encourage you to join us in supporting and voting for James Bennett for Darke County Prosecutor.

In our line of duty, we have all personally worked with Jim on past cases and know him to be an exceptional legal professional in the courtroom. He has brought decades of experience to Darke County and has a track record of successful prosecution in cases ranging in all types of case law. Jim has also served regularly as our legal advisor and instructor to our officers and deputies. Most importantly, Jim has worked right alongside us to ensure that Darke County is a home where you can feel safe and that criminals know they will be held accountable for their actions. This commitment to justice is critical to the continued safety of our communities and protection of victim rights.

Jim has earned our respect and trust through his experience, dedicated interaction, and strong work ethic. We need a tough-on-crime prosecutor with career experience as opposed to a defense attorney who brings none. This important role for our county is not one for on-the-ground training but is instead a position that requires a steady and knowing hand. It is for these reasons that the law enforcement leaders of Darke County support and ask you to vote for James Bennett for Darke County Prosecutor on March 19th.

Sincerely,



Mark Whittaker
Darke County Sheriff



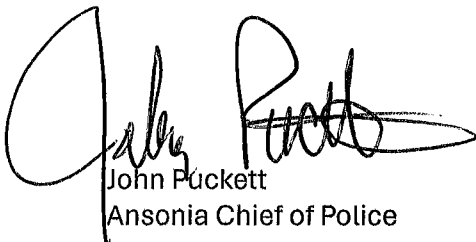
Mark Ater
Union City Chief of Police



Marcus Ballinger
Arcanum Chief of Police



Josh Bolin
Versailles Chief of Police



John Puckett
Ansonia Chief of Police

JIM BENNETT FOR PROSECUTOR

Dear Editor:

I write today to urge your readers to support the most qualified candidate for prosecuting attorney, Jim Bennett. I have had the honor of being the Darke County Prosecuting Attorney since late 2009. I was fortunate when I was reelected in 2016 to be able to add Jim to my staff as an assistant prosecutor. I knew he had been the primary assistant prosecutor handling felony prosecutions in Miami County for years, and he had moved on from there to work for the Ohio Attorney General. While working there he had been an instructor at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, so many of our younger officers became familiar with his expertise in criminal law there. He has done more training of our Darke County officers since coming here, and his obvious professionalism has built rapport with both our Sheriff's Office and our police departments.

He is an extremely experienced and successful prosecutor with more than 145 felony trials under his belt, vastly more than his relatively inexperienced opponent. As I near retirement at the end of this year, please join me, Sheriff Mark Whittaker, and former Sheriff Toby Spencer, in supporting the right man to protect the citizens of Darke County as our next prosecuting attorney. Vote for Jim Bennett!

R. Kelly Ormsby, III
Darke County Prosecuting Attorney

Mark S. Ater Jr.
Director of Public Safety
Union City Police Department

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my full support for James (Jim) Bennett as the next Darke County Prosecuting Attorney. As the Director of Public Safety, I have had the privilege of working closely with Jim over the years, and I can confidently say that he is the ideal candidate for this crucial position.

Jim Bennett has consistently demonstrated unparalleled dedication, integrity, and professionalism in his role within the Prosecutor's Office. His commitment to upholding the law and ensuring justice for all members of our community is truly commendable. Jim possesses a deep understanding of our legal system and has a proven track record of effectively prosecuting cases while also advocating for victim rights.

One of Jim's most admirable qualities is his unwavering commitment to serving the people of Darke County. He is not only a skilled attorney but also a compassionate individual who genuinely cares about the well-being of our community. Jim goes above and beyond to support law enforcement agencies, provide guidance to victims, and work collaboratively with other stakeholders to address issues affecting our county.

Furthermore, Jim Bennett's leadership skills are second to none. He is a natural leader who inspires trust and confidence in those around him. His ability to navigate complex legal matters, make tough decisions, and communicate effectively with diverse audiences makes him an invaluable asset to the Prosecutor's Office.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse James (Jim) Bennett for Darke County Prosecuting Attorney. His exemplary character, extensive experience, and unwavering dedication make him the ideal candidate to lead our Prosecutor's Office into the future. I am confident that Jim will continue to serve our community with distinction and uphold the principles of justice and fairness that are integral to our legal system.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of Jim Bennett. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Ater Jr.
Director of Public Safety
Union City Police Department

Dear Darke County Voters,

I am writing to you in support of James Bennett for Darke County Prosecutor. Mr. Bennett was born and raised in Darke County and graduated from Versailles High School. Since 2017, he has worked for Darke County Prosecutor Kelly Ormsby. I have known Asst. Prosecutor Bennett for over thirty years, and during that period of time, I worked side by side with him for nineteen of those years. I know him to be a man of honor and integrity and a man that has fought for the State of Ohio and, more importantly, victims of crime most of his distinguished career. Additionally, Mr. Bennett has been a law instructor for both attorneys and law enforcement officers for many years.

The most important thing to know about Asst. Prosecutor Bennett is that he is one of the most experienced trial attorneys that I know. He has prosecuted nearly one hundred and fifty jury trials (150) and has tried every kind of criminal case imaginable to include, but certainly not limited to, several Aggravated Murders, Murder, Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, Complex Organized Crime or Corrupt Activity cases, Illegal Drug Trafficking and Possession cases, Rape, Child Rape as well as all matter of Child Sexual Abuse cases, and many others. One would be hard pressed to find any Prosecutor that has tried over fifty (50) jury trials.

With the above in mind, there is absolutely no substitution for experience, whether it is in, say, an operating room or a courtroom. For example, if a person needed heart surgery, most, if not all, would want the doctor who has done hundreds of the procedures, not the doctor who has little to no experience. It is no different with your Prosecuting Attorney. In order to successfully prosecute and convict the individuals who commit egregious crimes in your communities, you want the individual who has the experience and a proven track record of getting the job done. If it does not get done right, a very serious injustice occurs, and very bad people walk back out into the community unpunished and emboldened. You have that person in Asst. Prosecutor James Bennett.

As stated above, experience really does matter, and on March 19, a vote for James Bennett will ensure that experience stays where it belongs, ready to defend the rights of victims and see that criminals are held accountable.

Respectfully,

Anthony E. Kendell
Miami County Prosecuting Attorney

Dear Editor:

In my role as a social worker and addictions counselor, I believe Jim Bennett is the best candidate for Darke County Prosecutor. As a social worker who has served the residents of Darke County and surrounding counties for over twenty years, I have had the opportunity to work with Jim in a variety of roles while he served as a prosecuting attorney in Miami County.

Jim is a supporter of training law enforcement officers in the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) model which provides training to recognize individuals experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. Jim believes in victims of crime receiving the necessary supportive services as they move through the court process. I have had the opportunity to work with Jim as he prosecuted criminal cases that involved victims who were impacted by mental illness and drug addiction. He ensures victims' voices are heard during trials as well as sentencing.

Jim is knowledgeable about the impact of trauma on victims and their families. As prosecutor, Jim will ensure people are held accountable for their decisions and victims receive justice.

While working professionally with Jim, I have found him to be a trusted public servant who will be the voice for all residents of Darke County while ensuring the law is upheld.

I strongly support Jim Bennett in his run for the next Darke County prosecutor.

Sincerely,

Jodi Snider LISW-S, LICDC-CS

Troy, OH

Dear Fellow Republican:

Now, more than ever, we need strong leaders in our courts to fight against the crime and woke policies overtaking our justice system. Law and order cannot be compromised, especially here in Darke County. For this reason, **we are coming together to support James (Jim) Bennett to be our next Darke County Prosecuting Attorney.**

Experience matters.

Born and raised in Darke County, Jim has the legal experience that we need to uphold the law & order that Darke Countians expect and demand. After graduating from Versailles High School and Wright State University, Jim attended law school at the University of Dayton. Since this time, Jim has worked in public prosecution in both Miami and Darke Counties. He brings decades of legal experience, handling over 145 felony trials and providing counsel to all elected officials, townships, and other boards/agencies for the County. It is critical to have a steady hand and proficient mind representing us in these situations, ensuring thorough and fair investigations and prosecutions.

Experience matters.

In addition to his courtroom experience, Jim has provided training for law enforcement at area police academies and agencies. Jim's skill and professionalism earned him a position from Governor DeWine to serve as law enforcement training officer at the state police academy in London, Ohio.

As elected officials in Darke County, we understand the dynamics of public service and the pressure that comes with it. Jim has demonstrated a commitment to justice and the highest standard of integrity. Jim is the legal professional and conservative fighter we need in our courtroom, representing Darke County.

Experience matters, and Jim is the only candidate that possesses it. We need your vote and support for Jim Bennett on March 19, 2024 on the Republican Primary ticket.

Most Sincerely,



Jim Buchy
Former State Representative



Toby Spencer
Former Darke County Sheriff



R. Kelly Ormsby, III
Darke County Prosecutor

Aaron Coey

Letter to Editor for James Bennett

I have been a Law Enforcement Training Officer at the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) in London, Ohio since 2011. I worked with Jim Bennett from 2013 to 2017. In my position as a Firearm Instructor and Use of Force Instructor and Jim's position as Legal Instructor, I came to know Jim as an enthusiastic, hard-working and knowledgeable training officer who genuinely cared about educating police officers and deputies throughout the state so they can better protect the citizens they serve.

During Jim's employment at OPATA he trained thousands of law enforcement personnel from almost every county and city law enforcement agency in Ohio on many topics including: Interrogation and Confessions, Field Training Officer Classes, Civil Liability, Legal Refresher, Continuing Professional Training, Search Warrants, Legal Instructor, Search and Seizure, and Testifying in Court. His many years of experience as an assistant prosecutor were crucial to his ability to share his insight and expertise to ensure law enforcement received the best possible training available.

Jim is well respected and known throughout Ohio for his training programs, techniques, knowledge, and his genuine desire to make our communities safe places to live and raise our families. Jim will continue to do everything within his power to do so in Darke County. Voting for James Bennett as your next Prosecuting Attorney in your county will ensure his 30 plus years of experience as an assistant prosecutor will greatly benefit the citizens of Darke County.

Vote for James Bennett on March 19, 2024.

Aaron Coey
Advanced Training Instructor
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy
London, Ohio

Letter of Support for James Bennett

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my support and encourage the citizens of Darke County to vote for James (Jim) Bennett for Darke County Prosecutor. Jim was born and raised in Darke County and has worked as a prosecutor for over 30 years.

I can attest that Jim is always available to answer questions and provide legal advice and guidance to law enforcement. His workday does not end when he leaves the office. He is available to law enforcement 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Jim's knowledge of the law and the sheer number of cases he has prosecuted make him Darke County's only choice suitable for prosecuting attorney. Jim will continue to be tough on criminals and will hold the position of Darke County Prosecuting Attorney to the highest standards.

Please join me in voting for Jim on March 19, 2024.

Detective Morrissa Reed (Retired)

Greenville Police Department

Mark Humphreys

Fort Loramie, Ohio

Letter of Support: James Bennett

As a former deputy and retired Police Chief of Versailles, I have known James (Jim) Bennett for almost 40 years. I consider Jim a valued friend and an excellent prosecutor. I have worked with him in both Miami and Darke counties.

Jim still possesses the enthusiasm and drive that he did so many years ago, and most importantly, the experience that comes with his many years of public service in Miami County and his current position in Darke County. Jim is pro law enforcement and always available to provide his knowledge and expertise in all aspects required to prosecute a criminal case. He also shares his knowledge and expertise with those who protect and serve the citizens of Darke County by providing required continuing education. Jim values the importance of holding defendants accountable for their crimes and pays the utmost detail to each case he is involved with from beginning to end, no matter how complex, including 148 felony trials to his credit.

I encourage you to vote for James Bennett as your next Prosecuting Attorney on March 19, 2024.

Mark Humphreys

Retired Chief of Police, Versailles, OH

Retired Lieutenant, Miami County Sheriff's Office

February 23, 2024

To the Editor:

I Am (and You Should) Support James (Jim) Bennett for Darke County Prosecutor

I have known Jim for over twenty (20) years and have had the privilege of working with (and for him.) I was a Victim and Court Advocate for the Miami County Prosecutor's Office and worked closely with Jim. I've witnessed Jim's hands-on approach as a Prosecutor, working tirelessly to Prosecute all types of Defendants. Whether they were low-level offenders or the worst of the worst; those who were charged with sexual assaults, homicides, or crimes against our children. He treated each and every case thoroughly and tirelessly, doing his best to seek justice for the Victim's.

Jim is a hand-on Prosecutor who works closely with Law-Enforcement, the Victims, their families, and the Victim Advocates. His ultimate goal is to ensure the prosecution of those Defendants and ultimate justice for the victims. He works tirelessly, making every effort to ensure the Victim and their Families are afforded the dignity, respect, and closure they deserved by holding their offender accountable for their crime.

I have the upmost respect for James (Jim) Bennett and consider him a valued friend, coworker and outstanding Prosecutor. I urge you to vote for Jim on March 19th, 2024 to represent Darke County, Ohio as your County Prosecutor.

Regards;

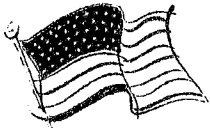
Jennifer Anderson
Troy

To the Editor:

As sheriff of Darke County and previously Chief Deputy, I have had the opportunity to work with Assistant Prosecutor James Bennett for several years. He is a professional and will be a fair but tough prosecuting attorney for Darke County. Jim brings the conservative values and law and order principles that Darke County residents expect.

Please join me in voting for the only candidate with prosecutorial experience, James Bennett for Darke County Prosecutor.

**Mark Whittaker
Darke County Sheriff**



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February 21, 2024

Dear Editor:

In my role as county auditor, I have worked with Jim Bennett closely for many years. Jim's past experience with villages and townships is invaluable to Darke County, as he provides legal counsel and guidance to our public officials. Jim has been extraordinary at doing just this, and always with comprehensive research, case study, and thorough analysis of the subject.

Over the years, I have seen a lot of unique and random situations that required sound legal advice. Jim has handled all of these with great professionalism and efficiency. He has great communication skills, and most importantly, a career's worth of court and legal experience that is so necessary for this job. I strongly support Jim Bennett in his run to be our next Darke County Prosecutor. Please join me in voting for Jim in the Republican Primary on March 19th.

Sincerely,

Carol Ginn

Dear Editor:

I worked with Jim Bennett at The Darke County Prosecutors Office from 2019 to 2021 where I was a member of the support staff. I am writing this letter to encourage citizens of Darke County to vote for James Bennett on March 19th as our next Prosecuting Attorney.

During my employment with the prosecutor's office, I worked with Jim daily. I witnessed his dedication and professionalism while performing his duties in his position as assistant prosecutor. As the cover prosecutor, Jim handled his own caseload as well as court or any other appointments for the other prosecutors during their absence from the office or any time they had conflicting schedules. Jim has been considered a utility prosecutor, which means he is well versed in all aspects within the office, from handling issues for elected officials, county boards and townships, or his own criminal caseload. Jim is always prepared. His experience expands several decades which ensures that he is qualified to handle any situation that arises within the prosecutor's office with confidence and expertise.

Please join me in supporting James Bennett as our next Darke County Prosecutor by casting your vote for him on March 19, 2024.

**Katy Linkous
New Madison, Ohio**

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to show my support for James Bennett, Republican candidate for Darke County Prosecuting Attorney.

As a former victim advocate at The Miami County Victim Witness Program, I had the opportunity to work with Jim for 5 years. Jim has always and will continue to consider the best interests, needs, and safety of victims and to make every effort to ensure that they are not traumatized further throughout the legal process.

Jim is always prepared for court and works closely with law enforcement, victims and their families, advocates, and other government agencies to obtain the best possible outcome in criminal cases. Jim is open, honest, easy to work with and treats others as his equal. He has served victims of crimes and prosecuted cases involving the most heinous crimes for over three decades with 148 trials to his credit. He is extremely knowledgeable, hard-working, and genuinely cares about those who have been victimized, his community, and colleagues. Jim is the only candidate with experience prosecuting criminal cases. I have great respect for Jim as a prosecutor and consider him a friend as well. I highly encourage you to cast your vote for James Bennett on March 19, 2024, for Darke County Prosecuting Attorney.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hobson Williams

Troy, Ohio

Cindy Pike

Darke County Clerk of Courts

I am writing this letter in support of James Bennett a candidate for Darke County Prosecuting Attorney. As Clerk of Courts for Darke County, I have worked closely with Jim since he joined Darke County as an assistant prosecutor in January of 2017.

Bennett's 33 years of experience are a great asset to Darke County and will be invaluable as an elected official in his role as our next county prosecutor. He is goal oriented and meticulous in his efforts to maintain the integrity of the office he seeks. Jim is a hardworking, down to earth individual who will work tirelessly for the citizens of our county where he was born and raised.

A prosecutor does more than prosecute criminals, they are also responsible for representing all elected officials, townships, board of elections, and numerous other county agencies. A job Jim has done with expertise. In addition, he is a skilled law enforcement training officer, and provides training to all area law enforcement officers.

Bennett is ready and willing to fight for the safety of Darke County, our townships, villages and city. I encourage you to join me and exercise your right to vote on March 19, 2024, by casting your vote for James Bennett.

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