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Office Attorney General

Name Patrick Morrissey

Party Republican

County of Residence

No Reply

Office Attorney General

Name Sam Brown Petsonk

Party Democrat

County of Residence Fayette

Biography

Labor lawyer based in Beckley. Born in Morgantown. Resides in Edmond, Fayette County. Education: Brandeis University, B.A.; Washington & Lee University School of Law, J.D. Nonprofit involvements: Rotary, Rural Appalachian Improvement League, WV Center for Budget & Policy. Family: wife, Stephanie Tyree; two sons, Teddy & Levi. Website: www.samforwv.com Facebook: @SamforWV Instagram: @SamforWV Twitter: @Sam4WV

1. What do you think would be the best use of the money awarded to West Virginia from the settlement with the opioid manufacturers?

First, we must spend to implement the State's evidence-based "West Virginia 2020-2022 Substance Use Response Plan," with methods endorsed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. Second, the Attorney General needs additional funding for the Civil Rights Division to ensure adequate support for people in long-term recovery.

2. What experience, training or education do you have that makes you the best qualified candidate for Attorney General?

I learned much about leadership while serving for three years as a legislative advisor to Senator Byrd. After that, I established a statewide nonprofit legal services practice securing millions of dollars for hundreds of coal mining families on black lung, safety grievances, severance pay, and retiree benefits. I've litigated to promote public education and innovative approaches for long-term recovery.

Office Attorney General

Name Issac Sponaugle

Party Democrat

County of Residence Pendleton

Biography

Isaac and his wife, Tasha, live in Franklin, WV. He is a lifelong resident of Pendleton County, WV. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1997; WVU in 2001; and WVU School of Law in 2004. He has served four consecutive terms in the WV House of Delegates. He is the current Minority Deputy Whip. For more information visit www.isaacforag.com.

1. What do you think would be the best use of the money awarded to West Virginia from the settlement with the opioid manufacturers?

Monies should go to fix the public health crisis caused by manufactures. Funding should go to state and local governments. Any funding only goes to prevention and treatment that's evidence based. It must provide treatment for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. We don't want to repeat the tobacco settlement history. Hardy any monies went to ant-smoking efforts

2. What experience, training or education do you have that makes you the best qualified candidate for Attorney General?

I received my law degree from WVU School of Law in 2004. I've been a practicing attorney in West Virginia for over 15 years. I'm a managing partner in a general law practice firm. I've successful tried hundreds of civil, criminal and domestic cases. I've argued before the Supreme Court. I'll put my record up against anyone for Attorney General.