



# NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

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## **NDAA Selects Commonwealth's Attorney for City of Chesapeake, VA as Next Association President**

ARLINGTON, VA – On Friday, July 31, the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) Board of Directors unanimously selected Nancy G. Parr, Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Chesapeake, VA, as its next president. In her first remarks after being selected as the next president of the association, Parr identified the areas of prosecutor health and wellbeing, juvenile justice and domestic violence and its impact on victims and their families as priorities during her presidency.

Parr began her career as a prosecutor in Suffolk, Virginia and has worked in Chesapeake, Virginia since 1994. For six of those years, she also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia. On March 1, 2005, Parr was sworn in as the Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Chesapeake to complete her predecessor's term. She was first elected in November 2005.

Immediate Past President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Duffie Stone, said, "Nancy is a consummate professional. With her work ethic and commitment to our profession, I have no doubt that she will lead the National District Attorneys Association to even greater heights."

Over the course of Parr's tenure as the Commonwealth's Attorney, she has implemented new programs and has promoted community outreach in addition to carrying out the traditional role of a prosecutor's office. Her programs include Girls' Empowerment Conferences, Boys' Leadership Conferences, "Traveling the Road to Success" multi-week programs, and "Playing on the Right Team" basketball tournaments. In addition to serving on various boards, she has also received numerous accolades, including being recognized by Virginia Lawyers Weekly as a 2018 Leader in the Law, inducted as a Virginia Law Foundation Fellow in 2017, awarded the 2016 Robert F. Horan, Jr. Outstanding Commonwealth's Attorney Award and being the recipient of the Martin Luther King Leadership Award in 2007.

On her selection as president, Jeffrey Haislip, Commonwealth's Attorney for Fluvanna County and President of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth Attorneys (VACA), said, "I have no doubt, after seeing the professionalism and fairness with which Nancy approaches prosecution that she is the perfect leader for NDAA in these turbulent times. Nancy has spent her career reaching out to her community. She knows that all citizens deserve safe neighborhoods and equal treatment in the courts. I know that Nancy will be as effective a leader of NDAA as she has been for VACA for years."

In addition to the transition to new Association leadership, several individuals were also elected and seated at the meeting as new members of the Board of Directors:

- Stefanie Salavantis, District Attorney, Luzerne County, PA
- Colin Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney, City of Virginia Beach, VA
- Kirsten Pabst, County Attorney, Missoula County, MT
- Mark Dupree, District Attorney, Wyandotte County, KS
- DJ Hansen, Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, City of Chesapeake, VA

A veteran prosecutor of more than 25 years, Parr joins the ranks of past association presidents and is the first Virginian and second woman to hold the office.

*Formed in 1950, NDAA is the oldest and largest national organization representing state and local prosecutors in the country. With more than 5,000 members representing over two thirds of the state and local prosecutors' offices, NDAA is recognized as the leading source of national expertise on the prosecution function and is a valuable resource for the media, academia, government, and community leaders. NDAA's mission is to provide state and local prosecutors with the knowledge, skills, and support they need to ensure that justice is done and that public safety rights are protected.*

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