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Q1

Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.

State government plays an integral role. Its job is protect the state economy and foster growth and improvement.

Q2

What do you bring to the office you seek? Specifically, what have you built, improved, or changed for the benefit of your community or business?

I have built a law office from the ground up and without the benefit of any formal experience outside of law school. I am very active in the community and I am a part of many organizations.

Q3

Please list any groups, associations, or non-profits in which you are an active member or volunteer such as civic groups, labor organizations, advocacy groups.

Osiris Shriners. NRA. Randolph County Chamber of Commerce. Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce. West Virginia Beer Wholesalers Assoc. West Virginia Bar Assoc.

Q4

West Virginia is facing many challenges. What do you consider to be the most important and critical challenge that threatens our state and what is your plan to alleviate this threat?

Too much government.

Q5

During the 2020 Legislative Session, SJR 9 and SB 837 moved in the West Virginia Senate, but fell short of the votes needed to move to the House of Delegates. The intent of the effort was to allow West Virginians to vote on a constitutional amendment to phase-out/repeal of manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment tax, business inventory, and tax on passenger vehicles while making local governments and schools whole. Please describe your ideas for addressing this issue which requires a change to the West Virginia Constitution.

We need to restrict taxation upon the business owner / job creator in WV.

Q6

What ideas do you have to help build our state's economy and improve West Virginia's position in competing for investment and job growth?

Less restriction from government. Make WV an extremely attractive place for outside investment.

Q7

Use of and addiction to opioids in West Virginia and our region have reached crisis levels. This is a problem being recognized not only at the state level, but at the federal level. What ideas do you have to help stop this devastating trend in our state?

Private recovery hospitals subsidized by federal funding.

Q8

Racial justice and equity, LGBTQ rights and gender equity are important factors for many current West Virginia employers, companies that consider moving to our State, and employees who may consider relocating to West Virginia. How would you address these issues to recruit and retain companies and employees for whom this is a priority?

Follow the federal law that already exists.

Q9

What are your specific ideas related to developing a diverse and skilled workforce in West Virginia?

A diverse a skilled workforce can only come with incentives created by the State government. I would also like to see trade schools becoming an option for WV youth.

Q10

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection proposed a rule for the 2021 Legislative Session to adopt a portion of US EPA recommended human health criteria which established limits for certain environmental permits. The WVMA is actively involved in ongoing discussions related to these criteria and supports the WV DEPs approach to establish an active work group to further evaluate these important measures. Please describe your position on the proposed rule.

I concur with the approach being undertaken at this time.

Q11

Please describe policies that you believe may be helpful in balancing state regulations and environmental rules while maintaining a competitive atmosphere for industrial job growth and investment?

I feel that lawsuits solely designed to enjoin progress on economic infrastructure must pass a higher test at the time of filing or they should be dismissed.

Q12

What would you like to share with our members that we have not asked?

Nothing further.

Q13

Would you be available for an interview remotely or in person?

Yes.

Q14

Where may the WVMA follow you on Social Media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

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