



CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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- Personal injury and serious traffic offense trial lawyer actively practicing in courts throughout Virginia since 1977. Veteran trial attorney experienced in representing injured persons and motorists charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs, driving on suspended and revoked operators' licenses and reckless driving. Current practice emphasis on defending impaired and intoxicated drivers cited with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with the influence of alcohol.
- **Former two-term mayor** and council member of the Colonial Heights City Council, serving from 2002 to present. Former two-term vice mayor and council member of the Colonial Heights City Council, serving from 1984 to 2000.
- Current chairman, former vice chairman and member of the **Crater Planning District Commission** 2002 to present, serving the cities of Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Emporia and the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Greenville, Surrey, Sussex and Charles City. Commission is responsible for the development, promotion and execution of regional transportation and infrastructure projects with local, state and federal funds, primarily to enhance economic and workforce growth. Actively engaged in 2005 BRAC process to protect and expand Fort Lee and Defense General Supply facilities.
- Current member and former vice-chairman of the **Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization** 2002 to present serving the cities of Petersburg, Colonial Heights, and Hopewell and the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie and Prince George. Commission responsible for development, promotion and allocation of CMAQ and RSTP funds for regional transportation and infrastructure projects.
- Current 2014 member and former two-term member of the **Virginia Municipal League General Laws Policy Committee** responsible for determining policies and issues of importance to Virginia municipalities to assist and affect General Assembly legislation.
- Former member of the **Colonial Heights Senior Citizens Committee**, engaged in developing and implementing programs to serve the elderly, retired, and older handicapped citizens.
- Former member of the **Colonial Heights Commission on Youth** engaged in developing and implementing programs to serve minors, students and at-risk youth.
- Primary legislative accomplishments since 2002:

1. Initiated two successful real estate tax rate reductions;
2. Initiated successful acquisition of 3.2 acres of real property upon which the city's new courthouse complex was constructed in 2013;
3. Obtained 2.3 million dollars of non city funds to construct I-95 northbound ramp from Temple Avenue;
4. Obtained more than two million dollars of non city funds to upgrade and widen the Boulevard, Dupuy and Lakeview Avenues;
5. Initiated and successfully implemented the youth escort policy at the city's regional Southpark Mall;
6. Proposed and successfully guided acquisition of 12 acres of real property on Archer Avenue for creation of riverside Appamatuck Park; and
7. Led opposition and successfully stopped excessive and unnecessary apartment development in the city.