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Chaz Molder Officially Announces His Candidacy for District Attorney

Life Long Maury County Resident Wants to Make Communities Safer

(Columbia, TN) – Local attorney and community leader Chaz Molder officially announced today his intentions to run for District Attorney General in the 22nd Judicial District. The district includes Maury, Giles, Lawrence and Wayne counties. Molder is running for district attorney because he believes in the idea that a safer community makes for a great community and intends on working hard each day to make sure the community is safer than it was the day before.

“I’m excited about the challenge ahead and believe that our campaign has laid a solid foundation over the past several months to run a successful, issues focused campaign,” Molder said. “Having practiced law in the private sector I understand the concerns of all of the key individuals of the criminal justice system—from law enforcement officials, the local bar and judiciary, the victims and witnesses, and private citizens who serve on our juries, all of these individuals must have a seat at the table in order to improve the efficiency and economy of our judicial system.”

A lifelong resident of Maury County, Molder has served his community through his profession, as a civic leader, church activist, and neighbor. His passion for serving and defending the community where he was born and raised is the driving force behind his decision. “We’ve traveled across the four corners of this district listening to folks about the office of district attorney,” Molder said. “Many have offered suggestions on how to make this office more efficient, but most of all, people have expressed a desire to have a district attorney who can be trusted with energy and a vision for the future. I believe I’m that man.”

Molder also announced today the appointment of two campaign officials. Waymon Hickman, a long-time community leader and mentor of Molder will serve as Honorary Campaign Chairman. Molder’s law mentor Russ Parkes will serve as the Campaign Treasurer. “Those of us who know Chaz like I do always had hoped Chaz and his family would return to Columbia to start a career and raise a family. There is no question that Chaz has the character, passion, and experience to serve as our next district attorney,” said Hickman.

A product of the Maury County Public School System, Molder is a graduate of Columbia Central High School where he was elected Student Body President. Chaz received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee where he was the recipient of the Torchbearer Award, the highest honor given by the University of Tennessee, and also served as Student Body President. Chaz went on to attend law school at The University of Memphis.

After graduation, Molder returned to Maury County to practice law. He currently is an attorney in the law firm of Hardin and Parkes where his practice focuses on criminal defense and general civil litigation. Earlier this year, Molder was selected by The Super Lawyers Magazine as top attorneys under 40 rising star, only given to fewer than 2.5 percent of attorneys statewide.

Molder currently serves on the board of the Maury County Chamber Economic Alliance, the Columbia State Community College Foundation Board of Trustees, the King's Daughters' School Board of Directors, Columbia Main Street, and is Vice Chairman of one of Maury County's newest non-profits, A Youth Educational Foundation. Chaz has previously served as a board member of the Maury County Boys and Girls Club, and is a founding member of the Columbia Children's Museum. Chaz is also a member of the Columbia Kiwanis Club.

Molder and his wife of seven years, Elizabeth, live in Columbia with their two young children, Marley age 3 and Hugh age 6 months. They are active members of the Columbia First United Methodist Church.