

Rappaport becomes Calvert's new state's attorney

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Calvert County State's Attorney Andrew Rappaport with his family after his Jan. 7 swearing-in ceremony.

Prince Frederick, MD - Pointing to his portrait on the courtroom wall, Calvert Circuit Court Administrative Judge Marjorie Clagett recalled the days when one of her predecessors would practically hand-pick the county's next state's attorney with the question "who's turn is it?" Like so many things that have changed over the last two or three generations in Calvert the days of one judge selecting the county's top prosecutor have changed considerably. The 2018 election campaign—although confined to the Republican Primary (another significant change)—was fiercely contested by two lawyers from then-State's Attorney Laura Martin's staff. Both candidates—Republicans Kathryn Marsh and Andrew Rappaport—showed up at numerous county events, along with their spouses and children. Then in late June the votes were counted and Rappaport emerged the winner by a decisive margin.

On Monday, Jan. 7, it was time for Rappaport to officially take over leadership of the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office. Martin, who has already moved to Florida with her husband, watched the transition of power via iPad. She also sent words of congratulations along with a lapel pin she wore during her tenure as state's attorney. Clagett pinned the small badge on Rappaport's lapel. Calvert Circuit Court Clerk Kathy Smith administered the oath of office to Rappaport, Deputy State's Attorney Jennifer Morton and the 11 assistant state's attorneys.

"Every day he goes to work he's going to do his best," declared retired District Court Judge Robert Riddle, who served as Calvert's state's attorney between 1995 and 2005.

"I believe our office is the best in the state of Maryland," declared Rappaport, adding that the distinction was not the result of the work of one but of many. He told the packed courtroom that Calvert's State's Attorney's Office is "committed to victims of crimes." In addition to praising the staff, Rappaport thanked his family.

Rappaport is a 2000 graduate of Elon University and a 2003 graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School. He joined the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office in 2007. Prior to that he worked in the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office. He specialized in vehicular manslaughter cases.

During the 2018 campaign, Rappaport was endorsed by the Maryland Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and Calvert FOP Lodge 109.

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