

Voters Guide State Auditor November 8, 2016 General Election

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Candidates for State Auditor

Office Auditor

Name Mary Ann Claytor

County of Residence Kanawha

Party Democrat

Biography

I'm a coal-miner's daughter and life-long resident of WV. I worked as a state auditor for the State Auditor's Office for over 20 years until the sudden illness of my son.

I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Howard "Cookie" Claytor III, for over 30 years. We enjoy spending time with our three children and our four grandchildren.

1. What is the most important responsibility of the Office of Auditor?

The duty of supervisor of public offices which includes auditing local governments, reviewing and approving budgets of local government offices, training of elected officials, and approving proposed levy rates. Citizens and other third parties expect these duties to be performed efficiently and at minimal cost. I am the only candidate that has extensive experience in performing all of these functions.

2. What experience, training or education do you have that makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

The only candidate for State Auditor with over 20 years of experience in the following areas: governmental accounting, training local governments and state auditors, working at the auditor's office, performing compliance and financial audits, holding local governments fiscally accountable, and ensuring expenditures of local governments are in compliance with the laws and regulations of West Virginia. #therightskillsmatter Go to MaryAnnClaytor.com

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Name JB McCuskey

County of Residence Kanawha

Party Republican

Biography

I attended The George Washington University and WVU College of Law. Currently, I am an attorney at Steptoe & Johnson, I represent the citizens of Kanawha County in the West Virginia House of Delegates and my wife, Wendy, and I own and operate a retail store in our neighborhood.

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1. What is the most important responsibility of the Office of Auditor?

As State Auditor I will make certain the office is publicly accountable for every dollar spent, keeping in mind that the state's money is the people's money. It is the responsibility of the

State Auditor to ensure that all aspects of the office run efficiently and effectively. With heightened transparency we can empower all West Virginians to become citizen-auditors.

2. What experience, training or education do you have that makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

I am experienced in both state government and private business. As an attorney, trained in our state's great public university, I understand the ethical obligations that come with public office. During my time as a Delegate, I've seen the need strong leadership in the State Auditor's office and that's why I am running to serve all of West Virginia.

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Name Brenton Ricketts

County of Residence Jefferson

Party Libertarian

Biography

A resident of Jefferson County for over 16 years, and a former small business owner in Charles Town. Married, with three children and 2 grandchildren, I am very active with my middle school son's wide-ranging academic and athletic activities, and my daughter's considerable community theater participation. More information can be found at www.facebook.com/ricketts4wv

1. What is the most important responsibility of the Office of Auditor?

Every year the State agencies and departments ask for more tax money and very little changes come from those expenditures. Reports have shown that many of them hoard money, yet ask for more, and even spend that money frivolously just not to lose it. It's time someone, not beholden to either political party is there to expose this waste and fraud!

2. What experience, training or education do you have that makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

With 25 years experience in the private sector as Project Manager, I feel I have great qualifications for this position. As a Project Manager, it was always my responsibility to constantly review and oversee how the company money was received and spent on every project. I would see this job as Auditor no differently and the tax payers as my employer.