

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CAROLINE COUNTY

CARY B. BOWEN,

Petitioner,

v.

BENJAMIN P. HEIDT,

Respondent.

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Case No. CL23000989-00

**FINAL ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR CAROLINE COUNTY COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on December 18, 2023, for a Recount in the November 7, 2023, General Election for the Caroline County Commonwealth's Attorney, (hereafter, the "Election"), pursuant to Petitioner Cary B. Bowen's Amended Petition for Recount, the Court's preliminary hearing held on November 21, 2023, the Court's Preliminary Order entered December 13, 2023, and the Court's Recount Order entered December 15, 2023.

IT APPEARING to the Court that the officials appointed by the Court to implement the Recount have completed the process without objection by the parties and to the Court's satisfaction, that the official Election results after such Recount as set forth in the Recount Certification attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein should be confirmed, and that the official Election results after such Recount show that

Benjamin P. Heidt received the higher number of votes and thus should be declared the winner of the election.

It is hereby ORDERED and CERTIFIED to the Virginia State Board of Elections and the Caroline County Electoral Board that the total votes for Cary B. Bowen are 4,082.

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that the total votes for Benjamin P. Heidt are 4,054, and that the total write-in votes for neither candidate are 0.

It is further ORDERED and CERTIFIED that Benjamin P. Heidt is hereby declared elected as the Caroline County Commonwealth's Attorney.

And it is further ORDERED that the costs of the Recount shall be assessed to the County of Caroline pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-802(E).

This cause is concluded.

ENTERED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023

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