

Shane Tucker

Class of 2005

Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Ripley County



Education after BHS:

Upon my graduation from Batesville High School, I attended Indiana University where I received my Bachelor of Arts in History with Honors (2009, magna cum laude). While at Indiana University, I received the Elfrieda Lang Award for Most Outstanding Thesis in History and served as Chairperson of the Indiana University Judicial Board. I also worked at the Liberian Collections Project where I archived and restored a major collection of personal and governmental papers from a former President of Liberia. After my undergraduate career, I attended University of Cincinnati College of Law where I received my J.D. (2012, cum laude). During my time in law school, I served as the Article's Editor for Human Right's Quarterly and was a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. **Career:**

While in school, I was very fortunate to have a number of internship opportunities that included judicial clerkships in Franklin County Circuit Court and Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas and a legal internship with Forethought Financial Group's compliance department.

In 2012, I started working as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at the Ripley County Prosecutor's Office for Prosecutor Ric Hertel. After two years, I was appointed to my current role of Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. In my current position, I represent the State of Indiana in criminal cases that range anywhere from driving with a suspended license to murder and everything in between. On a daily basis, I'm assisting officers in criminal investigations, reviewing cases for potential charges, preparing legal filings, and handling hearings and trials in the courtroom.



The role of a prosecutor is unique to other attorney's roles, because we don't have a client's interests to defend. Our role is to administer justice, so we not only ensure that those individuals who have committed crimes are being held accountable but that their constitutional rights are also being protected in the process. My position has been extremely rewarding, and I take great pride in serving a community I care very much about.

In addition, I serve on the board for Safe Passage and am a member of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Association and the National District Attorney's Association.



About Shane:

My wife, Carie, and I started dating during our time at Batesville High School. She was also a class of 2005 graduate and works as a pre-school teacher. We live in Batesville with our three kids Knox (3), Jane (1), and Reed (6 months). I'm the oldest of three brothers who graduated from BHS. My brother Justin (Class of 2007) works as the Associate Principal for Batesville Middle School, and my brother Trevor (Class of 2011) works as an Indiana State Trooper.

Activities while at Batesville High School:

Throughout high school, I played baseball and football and was actively involved with student council. I served as the Senior Class President in 2005.

Best education-related memory from BHS:

I had a great experience at BHS, and I'm grateful for the teachers and administrators, especially the social studies department, who provided me with the educational foundation to succeed in the next steps of my life. But when I think about the best memories of my time at BHS, whether it was in the classroom, playing sports, or just hanging out, I always think about the lifetime relationships I created when I was there.

A quote about the importance of education:

My favorite quote about education is "There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live." I believe the quote emphasizes that your education not only prepares you for your future occupation but it also provides you with some of the tools you will need to strive to be the best version of yourself every day.