



# IVAN J. BATES

Candidate for State's Attorney for Baltimore City

**THE ONLY CANDIDATE WITH A PLAN TO PROTECT OLDER ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

## COMPASSIONATE CARETAKER



In 1995, I moved to Baltimore City when my Mother asked me to help take care of my 75 year old aunt. Growing up, Aunt Edna was always a second Mom to me: she was the first to spank me when she caught me putting grass in my grandfather's well, but also the first to hug me when I graduated from Howard University many years later. For the next 20 years, I spent more time at her building – 11 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment 6S, than I did at my own house, and I watched as my Aunt struggled with challenges so many older adults battle in our City: from limited income to being the victim of a crime. Although Aunt Edna was a seamstress and worked her whole life, she was left to survive on her \$707 monthly social security benefit, because her company went bankrupt. One day, while walking up the street to go to the store, Aunt Edna was mugged. I remember getting that phone call while at work. I will never forget seeing her so afraid. I made a promise that I would do everything I could going forward to protect my Aunt so she would never have to experience something like that again.

## EXPERIENCE THAT MATTERS

- **More than 25 years of litigation experience in state and federal courts**
- **Army Veteran**
- Law clerk for the **Legal Defense Fund of the NAACP**
- **Judicial law clerk** for the now retired Honorable David Mitchell, Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge
- Hired by the **Honorable Patricia Jessamy**, then State's Attorney for Baltimore City, to serve as an Assistant State's Attorney; promoted by her to **Homicide Prosecutor**
- Started my own **successful law practice, Bates & Garcia, P.C.**, which I built from scratch, and still currently manage



In 2020, I helped take care of my own Mom, when her health began quickly declining. My Dad and I were her caregivers in home hospice until April 28, 2021, when she passed away with her loving family by her side. After all the sacrifices she made for us, it was one thing I could do: to make sure she was cared for and knew how loved she was.

## **Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities Protection Unit (or ODPU)**

My Mom and Aunt Edna will always serve as inspiration to me to put our older adults and persons with disabilities first, and as State's Attorney, I will **prioritize effective prosecution of crimes committed against older adults and persons with disabilities by creating a specialized unit staffed with prosecutors, victim advocates, and staff specially trained to handle cases involving crimes committed against adults 65 years of age or older, and people with disabilities.** We will ensure equal access to the criminal justice system by building coalitions and working with other agencies, such as the Maryland Office of the Attorney General and Adult Protective Services, to ensure cases are handled with the specialized care required. Crimes committed against older adults and persons with disabilities will be prosecuted promptly and efficiently.