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**Deputy County Attorney John Sterling Houser Honored with Generation J.D.
Award from The Daily Record**

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) is proud to announce that John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney, has been named a 2026 honoree in *The Daily Record's* Leaders in Law awards, receiving the Generation J.D. Award. This recognition honors attorneys admitted to the bar for 10 years or less who demonstrate professional accomplishment, community service, and a strong commitment to the legal profession early in their careers.

Through the Leaders in Law awards, *The Daily Record* and the *Maryland State Bar Association* honor outstanding legal professionals across Maryland who are serving businesses, clients, and individuals while making communities stronger. Mr. Houser's dedication to upholding the law and serving the residents of St. Mary's County has earned him this well-deserved recognition.

"We are proud to see John Houser recognized through The Daily Record's Leaders in Law program," said Commissioner President Randy Guy. "This recognition is well deserved, and we are grateful for the professionalism and integrity he brings to our organization each day."

Houser expressed his gratitude for the recognition, stating, "I'm honored to be named among this year's Leaders in Law. It is a privilege to serve St. Mary's County, and I am grateful for the guidance and support of the mentors who have shaped my work in county government over the past five years."

The 2026 Leaders in Law honorees will be celebrated on April 20, 2026, at the Hilton BWI in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. The event will bring together top legal professionals from across the state to highlight their achievements and dedication to public service.

For more information about the Leaders in Law program, please visit *The Daily Record's* website at: <https://thedailyrecord.com/event/leaders-in-law>.

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