

David Soares has served the people of Albany County for 20 years, currently tenured in his 4th term as District Attorney.

DA Soares incorporates an effective mix of creative prevention strategies, tough and focused prosecutions of violent offenders, and providing hope to those who have been involved in the criminal justice system. His office focuses on Restorative Justice and Alternatives to Incarceration when appropriate to ensure that offenders are held accountable in a way that best balances public safety and the welfare of all communities in Albany County.

His one standard of justice philosophy has held accountable elected officials, law enforcement, and others who have violated the laws they were entrusted to uphold.

DA Soares prioritizes prevention over prosecution where possible, and supports internal programs like “Making Crime Pay” by reinvesting illegal proceeds obtained through forfeiture or seizures back into community. Initiatives like “Clean Slate” seek to divert young adults out of the system altogether, and offer assistance with sealing and expungement for older adults seeking to make amends for past offenses.

Soares served as the President of the District Attorney’s Association of the State of New York from July 2018 – July 2019.

Soares is a graduate of Albany Law School and Cornell University.