

# From Top Student to Top Lawyer

*Burke County grad excels in law and stands out among young professionals*

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As a teenager, he played a number of roles in drama productions at Burke County High School.

Fast forward 15 years and Adam King is performing in front of much tougher audiences as he argues cases before judges and juries. And on the grander stage, he's earning rave reviews.

King, an attorney with Nicholson Revell LLP and 1998 graduate of BCHS, recently graced the cover of Augusta Magazine as one of the city's Top 10 Young Professionals to Watch. The Augusta Chamber of Commerce doles out the annual honors to recognize rising professional stars between the ages of 25 and 35.

That honor may be fresh, but his stellar performances are not new.

Back in Burke County, King was among the top 10 honor graduates in his class and voted Most Likely to Succeed by his classmates. He took advantage of every educational opportunity from AP courses to dual enrollment and was poised for success by the time he left Sardis for South Carolina to attend Furman University. Already knowing he wanted to pursue a career in law, King double majored political science and French, and then headed to Vanderbilt University for law school.

After earning his law degree in 2005, King found a place to

put his passion in practice at the District Attorney's office in the Augusta Judicial Circuit.

King spent seven years prosecuting many of the most serious felonies in Burke, Richmond and Columbia counties, a role that brought him back to Waynesboro often.

"The most important thing I think for any lawyer is the pursuit of justice. The local DA's office provides such a good opportunity to help people," King said, remembering the reason he

wanted to practice law in the first place. "For me, the greatest experiences I had were achieving verdicts for families who were hurting. The toll of crime on families can be devastating. To help families recover is very rewarding."

By the time King made the tough decision to leave the DA's office last year, he'd established a solid reputation among his fellow prosecutors as well as defense attorneys across the area as an exceptional trial lawyer.

Since joining Nicholson Revell, he's continued that track record with the same drive that's propelled him all along. Focusing now on personal injury, medical malpractice, consumer rights and a host of other areas, he still has a chance to help others achieve their goals while he develops his career in another direction.

"It was a tough decision to leave but I was at the point in my career that I needed some form of change and to see some other areas of law," King explains. "This gives me a chance to expand my horizons."



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**At right, Adam King was recently named among the top young professionals in the Augusta area. He served as an assistant district attorney for six years before joining Nicholson and Revell LLP last May.**



## BACK IN BURKE COUNTY

**Where did King make the most memories in high school?**

In Vicki Price's theatre department. He played roles in productions like *Bye, Bye Birdie* and *Harvey*. "I was never what I would call lacking in spirit, just lacking in talent," he jokes, laughing at the memory of playing a munchkin in the *Wizard of Oz*.

**What teacher impacted him most?**

Karen Reeves. She taught him world history and how to handle courses with college-rigor. "She had such a desire for knowledge and such a passion for teaching students about history," King remembers.

**What made him decide to become a lawyer?**

King knew early on that's what he wanted to do in life, finding an early ease with speaking and a desire to help others. "I perceived law as an honorable calling," he says. "It gives me a chance to help people in their time of need. I specifically had an interest in criminal prosecution. I wanted to spend a lot of time in trial in front of a jury, practicing the skill of oratory."

**Adam King, pictured in his senior yearbook at right, was voted Most Likely to Succeed by his classmates.**

