

# Theo Stamos

Theo Stamos is the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, Virginia, having been elected to that post in November, 2011. Theo first joined the office in 1987 and was promoted to Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney in 1998 and then to Chief Deputy in 2002. Theo has successfully prosecuted thousands of cases including capital murder, violent sexual assaults, domestic violence and drunk driving. As Commonwealth's Attorney, Theo supervises a staff of assistant commonwealth's attorneys, victim/witness specialists and support staff who daily handle a broad range of felonies and misdemeanors in both adult and juvenile court.

In 2009, Theo was honored by the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys with the "Von Schuch Award," a distinction given annually to Virginia's top Assistant or Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney. Theo was a founding faculty member of "Murder One," an elite training program for Virginia prosecutors and homicide detectives and lectures often to new police recruits. Theo also helped launch the first Domestic Violence Response Team in Arlington to help victims of domestic violence and to hold offenders accountable.

Theo is a statewide bar association leader and serves on the board of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys as its Ethics Chair. She recently completed two terms as an elected member of the Virginia State Bar's governing body where she was asked to serve on the Bar's executive committee. She also served six years as a member of the Bar's Standing Committee on Legal Ethics and currently serves on the Budget and Finance Committee, on the faculty of the Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course and on the Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee of the VSB. Previously, Theo served on the Board of Directors of Offender Aid and Restoration.

Locally, Theo is on the board of directors of the Arlington County Bar Foundation and previously served on the board of directors of the Arlington County Bar Association and was elected to its judicial selection committee.

Theo is also active in her community. She has served on the executive committee of the Arlington Traditional School PTA and as Family Network Chair at Swanson Middle School. She is a member of the Yorktown HS Basketball Boosters and is a graduate of Leadership Arlington.

Theo grew up on Chicago's South Side and graduated from Northern Illinois University with dual majors in political science and journalism. She received her law degree from American University where she attended night school while working full time as an editor and reporter for various news outlets, including *The Washington Times*. Her reporting included coverage of the U.S. Supreme Court among other assignments.

Her husband, Craig Esherick, is an Assistant Professor of Sport Management at George Mason University and the former head men's basketball coach at Georgetown University. Theo and Craig live in the Westover neighborhood of Arlington with their sons, Nicholas and Zachary.