

R. Seth Williams—District Attorney, City of Philadelphia

Seth Williams is a true Philadelphia success story. Given up by an unwed mother and placed in foster care, Seth was blessed to be adopted by a devoted and loving family. He grew up in a hard-working West Philadelphia neighborhood, the only child of parents who emphasized the importance of community service his whole life.

Williams attended Penn State University and went on to law school at Georgetown University, where he graduated with distinction. After graduation he joined the District Attorney's Office. He served for 10 years and **created and led the Repeat Offenders Unit with the goal of reducing the high percentage of crimes committed by repeat offenders.**

In 2005, Williams was appointed Inspector General of the City of Philadelphia. He left the position of Inspector General in 2008 to take a position with the law firm of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young. Then, on November 3rd, 2009, Seth Williams became the first African American District Attorney in the city of brotherly love and in the entire commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Williams continues to serve his community as an educator and volunteer. He is an adjunct professor at Neumann College and at Penn State Abington. He is also proud to serve his country as a Major in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Army Reserve. He also serves on the boards of several community organizations, including the Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Overbrook Park Civic Association & Town Watch.

Seth lives in West Philadelphia with his wife Sonita, and is the proud parent of three girls-Alyssia, Taylor and Hope.