

District Attorney Lynne Abraham

Lynne Abraham was born and raised in Philadelphia and educated in its schools. In her professional career, she has always been a dedicated public servant to the citizens of the fifth largest city in the nation. Since graduating from Temple University School of Law, she has served in numerous elective and appointed positions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

District Attorney of Philadelphia 1991 - present Chief law enforcement officer for the City of Philadelphia; responsible for the prosecution of over 70,000 criminal cases yearly; oversee a professional staff of 300 assistant district attorneys and 275 support staff.

Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia 1980 - 1991 Presided over homicide and major felony trials.

Judge, Municipal Court of Philadelphia 1976 - 1980 Presided over misdemeanor criminal (90%) and civil (10%) cases.

Research Assistant to the Honorable Alexander F. Barbieri, 1974 - 1977 Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia and Court Administrator of Pennsylvania Researched and assisted in drafting three-volume work on Worker's Compensation.

Legislative Consultant, Council of the City of Philadelphia 1974 - 1976 Assisted Council in conducting investigations; drafted legislation; testified at public hearings; met with citizen's groups and revised portions of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter.

Executive Director, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority 1972 - 1973 Responsible for over \$100 million of urban renewal projects in Philadelphia including planning and condemnation work; managed staff of 400; testified before Council of the City of Philadelphia for Authority's budget and programs.

Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office 1967 - 1972 of Philadelphia 1973 - 1974 Prosecuted and investigated violations of criminal law; assigned principally to major trial and homicide cases.

Attorney, Regional Counsel's Office, United States 1965 - 1967 Department of Housing and Urban Development Prepared federal loans, grants and contracts for urban renewal projects.

EDUCATION

Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia Juris Doctor, 1965

Temple University, Philadelphia Bachelor of Arts, 1962

Germantown High School, Philadelphia Graduated, 1958

TEACHING POSITIONS

Temple University School of Law Lecturer 1974 - 1998
Villanova University Visiting Lecturer 1981 - 1991
Institute of Paralegal Studies Lecturer 1976 - 1980
La Salle College Lecturer 1977 - 1978

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

(list not inclusive)

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe October 1995 Warsaw, Poland
Member of United States Delegation to the Implementation Meeting on Human
Dimension Issues

Philadelphia Bar Education Center December 1996 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania "Lawyers
and Judges as Candidates: Election Law and Ethical Traps for the Unwary" - Annual
meeting and educational conference.

Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society Committee on Women February 1999 Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania "Sociopolitics of Women as Violent Perpetrators" - 13th Annual Women's
Conference on examining the increasing expression of violence among women.

Southeastern Public Service Institute February 1999 St. Petersburg, Florida "Ethics in
Police Management" - Training for Lieutenants and Upper Management including the
behavior, professionalism, role and prosecution of the police in the judicial system.

Children's Literacy Initiative April 1999 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Honored for work in
providing educational strategies and effective literacy practices and involvement in
reading aloud to children.

University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing April 1999 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
"No means No? Sexual Assault and Consent Issues" - Keynote address for conference at
the Center for Professional Development.

Pennsylvania Bar Association May 1999 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania "The Natural
Conflict Inherent in the First and Sixth Amendments" - Annual meeting sponsored by the
Pennsylvania Bar Institute

American Prosecutors Research Institute June 1999 Houston, Texas and Charleston,
South Carolina June 2000 Career Prosecutor Course - "The Role of the Prosecutor" -
Seminar for prosecutors on establishing relationships with judges, law enforcement,
jurors, the public and the media.

Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith June 1999 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania "Hate,

Violence and Our Children: Responding to the Crisis" - Panel discussion for the National Executive Committee meeting.

American Bar Association June 2000 New York, New York Prosecutorial Ethics Program for the Criminal Justice Section - Panel discussion.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National District Attorneys Association, Vice-President
Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, Legislative Chairperson
Urban Genesis and I-LEAD, Founder and Board Member
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith, Executive Committee
Lawyer's Club of Philadelphia
American Red Cross, Board Member
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association, Board Member
Police Athletic League, Board Member
Breast Health Institute
Vidocq Society
Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania
Forum of Executive Women
Center for Community Interest, National Advisory Committee for Common Sense of Crime and Quality of Life Issues
Center for Civic Innovation at the Manhattan Institute, Council on Crime in America
Temple University Law Alumni Association
Washington Square Townhouse Council
Society Hill Civic Association

NUMEROUS AWARDS, HONORS AND CITATIONS

FORMER AFFILIATIONS

Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing
National Center for State Courts, Research Division
Joseph J. Peters Institute, Board Member
National Housing Conference
World Affairs Council, Executive Committee
Boy Scouts of America, Executive Committee
Pennsylvania Association of Redevelopment Authorities
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities
Urban Land Institute
St. Peter's School, Board of Directors
B'Nai B'Rith Justice Lodge
Reading Terminal Market Preservation Fund, Board Member
Admitted to practice: Supreme Court of the United States, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania