



ANDREW P. THOMAS

Maricopa County Attorney

2005-Present

Elected Maricopa County Attorney in November, 2004, Andrew Thomas, a former prosecutor and published author, is a leading authority on the criminal justice system.

Andrew received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Missouri in 1988 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1991. He has served as an Assistant Attorney General for Arizona. Subsequently, Andrew served as Deputy Counsel and Criminal Justice Policy Advisor to the Governor of Arizona. In this capacity he helped draft and campaigned for the Stop Juvenile Crime Initiative, which was approved by the voters in 1996.

After serving in the Governor's Office, Andrew became the Chief Attorney at the Arizona Department of Corrections. There he helped lead a successful crackdown on prison gangs.

Joining the Maricopa County Attorney's Office as a Deputy County Attorney in 2003, he prosecuted numerous cases both in the Pretrial and Juvenile Divisions. In 2004, Andrew ran successfully for Maricopa County Attorney, and took office in January, 2005. He was reelected to a second term in 2008.

As Maricopa County Attorney, Andrew Thomas has championed the rights of crime victims, adopting tough policies related to violent crime, child exploitation, identity theft and repeat offenders. The successful prosecution of human smugglers and illegal immigrants who conspire to enter the United States has set a standard for local law enforcement in combating the epidemic of illegal immigration. Andrew also has instituted innovative policies to curb drug abuse, cruelty to animals, graffiti, and other community concerns.

He and his wife have four children.