

THE HONORABLE LYNNE M. ABRAHAM
District Attorney of the City of Philadelphia

District Attorney Lynne Abraham has served as the chief law enforcement officer for the City of Philadelphia since 1991. She is responsible for the prosecution of over 70,000 criminal cases yearly and oversees a professional staff of 300 Assistant District Attorneys and 275 support staff.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, District Attorney Abraham graduated from Germantown High School in 1958, Temple University in 1962 and Temple Law School in 1965.

Since graduating from law school in 1965, District Attorney Abraham has served the public in a variety of positions. Among those positions are attorney in the Regional Counsel's office of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (1965-1967); Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia (1967-1972); Executive Director of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (1972-1973); Legislative Consultant for Philadelphia City Council (1974-1976); and Judge on the Municipal Court of Philadelphia (1976-1980). Immediately prior to election to District Attorney, she was Judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia (1980-1991) where she presided over homicide and major felony trials.

District Attorney Abraham served as a lecturer at Temple Law School from 1974 to 1994 and has also been a lecturer at Temple University, Villanova University, the Institute of Paralegal Studies and La Salle University. The District Attorney belongs to many professional associations. For the past 16 years she has been the Legislative Chairperson of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. She is founder and Board Chair of Urban Genesis and I-Lead, she serves of the Board of the Police Athletic League, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the National District Attorneys Association and she is a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania.

A lifetime resident of the City of Philadelphia she is married to advertising executive and former radio talk show host, Frank Ford.