

Maria McLaughlin

Ms. McLaughlin is a former Chief Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia County. She was the head of the Child Support Enforcement Unit. She served as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office from 1992-2011 and was appointed Chief in 2003 by the Honorable Lynne Abraham.

In addition to her duties as Chief, in 2009 current District Attorney Seth Williams appointed Ms. McLaughlin Director of the Family Justice Center Initiative. This center will serve all victims of domestic violence. Ms. McLaughlin has successfully tried thousands of cases involving child support and paternity issues in the Court of Common Pleas. Under Ms. McLaughlin's direction the Child Support Enforcement Unit has collected millions of dollars in unpaid child support for children in Philadelphia. Ms. McLaughlin has also handled numerous family law appellate issues before the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Ms. McLaughlin is a graduate of the Widener University School of Law, where she sits on the Alumni Board of Directors. She also currently sits on the Executive Board for the Central High School Home and School Association. She is licensed to practice law in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey and has been admitted to the United States Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Ms. McLaughlin lectures for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Trial Lawyers Association, the Mayor's Office of Community Service, numerous community organizations, schools and is often a guest on local radio and television shows.

Ms. McLaughlin is a life-long resident of Philadelphia where she continues to raise her two teenage sons. Her campaign is co-chaired by District Attorney R. Seth Williams and the former City Controller Jonathan S. Sidel. She has been recommended by the Philadelphia Bar Association. Ms. McLaughlin has also been endorsed by: Democratic City Committee, Republican City Committee, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5, Philadelphia Firefighters Local 22, AFL-CIO Philadelphia Council, District Council 33 and IBEW Local 98.