



MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY BILL MONTGOMERY



Official Biography

Bill Montgomery was elected Maricopa County Attorney in 2010 on a pledge to fight crime, honor victims' rights, and protect and strengthen our community. As a West Point Graduate, decorated Gulf War Veteran, professional prosecutor and former Deputy County Attorney, he has dedicated his personal and professional life to serving others.

Raised in a single-parent household just south of Los Angeles, Bill learned early the lessons of hard work and perseverance, graduating near the top of his high school class and becoming the first graduate to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. His leadership style was subsequently tested on the battlefield as a Tank Platoon leader during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where he led missions protecting U.S. operations from Iraqi forces. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service for his contribution to the liberation of Kuwait, and was later promoted to the rank of Captain, ultimately rising to the rank of Major while serving in the Individual Ready Reserve.

Following his military service and work in the private sector, Bill earned his J.D. from ASU Law School, graduating Magna Cum Laude and receiving the prestigious Order of the Coif. He went to work for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office where he quickly gained a reputation as an aggressive prosecutor and tireless advocate for victims' rights, garnering tough sentences for felony drunk drivers, serious repeat felons and gang members. He also supervised prosecutions in the Auto Theft Bureau, which recorded a 35% drop in auto theft under his leadership.

As County Attorney, Bill is committed to vigorously prosecuting crimes and holding criminals accountable, including crimes associated with illegal immigration. He is committed to partnering with law enforcement along with business and civic leaders to protect and strengthen our communities, and strongly supports the involvement of local law enforcement in assisting with enforcement of our immigration laws.

Recognizing that violent child sexual predators cannot be rehabilitated, Bill has been an outspoken advocate for life sentences for these offenders. He also supports GPS monitoring for other convicted child molesters, and Internet sting operations to capture child predators before

they get the chance to victimize our children. His goal is to let would-be child predators know they will find no safe haven in Arizona.

Bill is equally determined to fight fraud and identity theft through the County Attorney's specialized Fraud and Identity Theft Enforcement bureau. He also supports the Castle Doctrine Law, which recognizes a citizen's right to defend his or her family without fear of prosecution; and Arizona's Three Strikes Law, which targets repeat violent criminals. Bill has helped shape legislation designed to protect victims of crime and reform Child Protective Services, and he continues to be a passionate advocate for Victims Rights in Arizona as Maricopa County Attorney.

Bill currently resides in Gilbert, Arizona with his wife and their children.