

As a practicing attorney for 33 years, Tamika N. Wooten has dedicated her practice to seeking justice in the criminal justice system as a prosecutor, defense attorney and judge. For the past 30 years, Tamika N. Wooten has proudly devoted her life to protecting children and families in Maricopa County. While Mrs. Wooten worked for the City of Glendale, she was appointed as the Chief City Prosecutor. During that time, she coordinated with the Presiding Judge to develop an award-winning Domestic Violence program. In addition to Tamika's courtroom experience as an advocate of justice, she expanded her passion for justice by becoming a judge in the cities of Avondale, El Mirage, Mesa, Scottsdale, Surprise, and Wickenburg.

Tamika is a data driven leader, skilled in solving complex issues with common sense solutions. Her approach to smart, fair, equitable criminal justice policies isn't one-size-fits-all. She will enlist the power of innovations in crime prevention and restorative justice practices to invest in building healthy lives and communities, particularly for juveniles, veterans and non-violent offenders with mental health and addiction issues.

Tamika's hard-working parents played a critical role in fostering her community-driven spirit that undergirds her values in law today. Tamika's father, a postal worker, instilled a work ethic of service and civic responsibility. Tamika's mother, worked as a high school teacher for high risk students, placing an emphasis on preparing students to strive beyond their current circumstances. Tamika has always made education a priority. After graduating from high school early at the age of 16, she graduated from UCLA and went on to study law at the University of Arizona. Tamika continued her education further with hundreds of hours of law training and Sports Management.

With nearly 3 decades of experience within the Maricopa County criminal justice system, and as a wife to a pediatrician and mother of two daughters, Tamika's values line up with hard-working families of Maricopa County who want to keep our communities safe and make sure our loved ones return home every night.