



## Sharen Wilson

Criminal District Attorney



Sharen Wilson was sworn in as Tarrant County's first female Criminal District Attorney (CDA) in January 2015. As manager of one of Texas' largest DA's offices, she oversees a \$38 million budget and more than 300 employees. Leading with the promise to seek and defend justice for all, in her first year as CDA she is responsible for creation of both the County's first Conviction Integrity Unit, and the comprehensive Discovery Compliance Policy – the first official policy for compliant Brady disclosure in the State of Texas.

Prior to becoming Criminal District Attorney, Wilson served for 23 years as judge of Criminal District Court No. 1, where she spearheaded the award-winning docket-management system for the criminal district courts, and was presiding judge for the Felony Alcohol Intervention Program. Throughout her tenure, Wilson's record solidified her reputation as the County's toughest criminal court judge.

Wilson has served as a prosecutor, and in private practice as a criminal defense attorney and a civil litigator. While an Assistant Criminal District Attorney under long-time CDA Tim Curry, she became the first female unit Chief in the office. Over the course of her career she has tried 13 death penalty cases, none of which have been reversed.

Certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1986, Wilson has taught on the subjects of capital murder, search and seizure and docket management for institutions including Texas Christian University, the National Judicial College, and Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, now Texas A&M Law School. In 2016 she was honored to receive the Texas Tech University Law School Distinguished Alumni Award for her "outstanding service and contribution to the Bench, the Bar and the Public."

An Amarillo native, Wilson received both her Bachelor's and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from Texas Tech University. She and her husband John have four grown children.