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Biography of Commonwealth’s Attorney Stephen Descano Office of the Fairfax County Commonwealth’s Attorney

Steve Descano was elected as the Commonwealth’s Attorney for Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax in 2019 and re-elected in 2023

A West Point graduate, Steve served as a U.S. Army Aviation Officer before putting himself through law school. After graduating near the top of his class from Temple Law School, he was recruited into the U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program and became a federal prosecutor. He served in the Department of Justice for six years, specializing in the prosecution of complex financial crimes, including fraud and tax evasion.

After his work in the Justice Department, Steve worked to help families throughout the region as the Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel at Paragon Autism Services, Northern Virginia’s premiere provider of Applied Behavior Analysis therapy for children with autism.

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The Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney (OCA) oversees the prosecution of crimes committed under the Code of Virginia occurring within Fairfax County. The office prosecutes misdemeanor and felony criminal matters, as well as delinquency matters. As a result, the office practices in Fairfax County General District Court, Circuit Court, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

The OCA serves the entirety of Fairfax County, including the City of Fairfax, the Town of Herndon, and the Town of Vienna, a total of approximately 1.2 million residents that constitutes the Commonwealth’s largest jurisdiction. The OCA’s caseload is among the highest per prosecutor in the Commonwealth.