

Thomas D. Anderson

Thomas D. Anderson was sworn in as Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Vermont on January 5, 2017 by Vermont Governor Phil Scott. As Commissioner of Public Safety, Tom oversees the Vermont State Police, Vermont Emergency Management, the Division of Fire Safety, and the Vermont Forensic Laboratory. It is his honor and privilege to lead the hardworking Vermonters who make up the Department of Public Safety and work tirelessly to keep Vermont safe.

Prior to joining Governor Scott's team, Tom worked for over 25 years with the United States Department of Justice. Most recently, he was Deputy General Counsel for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) in Washington, D.C. From 2006 to 2009, Tom was the Presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the District of Vermont. Before becoming United States Attorney, Tom was an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) and head of the narcotics unit in the District of Vermont.

While with the Department of Justice, Tom gained extensive management and prosecutorial experience. In addition to managing the United States Attorney's Office in Vermont, he also served as First Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Virgin Islands; as Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney and Acting Criminal Chief in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands; and as Acting First Assistant U.S. Attorney and Acting Criminal Chief in the Middle District of Alabama. In May 2016, Tom temporarily assume management of the EOUSA Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Office as Acting Director.

As Deputy General Counsel, Tom provided advice and assistance to all 94 U.S. Attorney's Offices in the areas of management and employee relations, government ethics, conflicts of interest, allegations of misconduct, and adverse employment actions. He also frequently instructed at the National Advocacy Center in South Carolina on various topics related to management and government ethics.

As an AUSA, Tom handled a variety of criminal prosecutions ranging from drug trafficking and frauds to child exploitation and kidnapping. He also spent three years as a Civil AUSA. He has tried dozens of cases to a jury.

In addition to his public service, Tom spent five years in private practice with the Burlington, VT, firm of Sheehy Furlong and Behm, where he was a partner and managing partner. He has also been active in his community serving on the Planning Commission, as a High School parent volunteer, and coaching youth sports. Tom is a graduate of St. Michael's College and Seton Hall University School of Law. He is married with three grown children.