

# HONORABLE KIMBERLY M. FOXX

## COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

Kimberly M. Foxx is the first African American woman to lead the Cook County State's Attorney's Office – the second largest prosecutor's office in the country. Kim took office on December 1, 2016 with a vision for transforming the Cook County State's Attorney's Office into a fairer, more forward-thinking agency focused on rebuilding the public trust, promoting transparency, and being proactive in making all communities safe.



In her first year in office, Kim has already undertaken substantial reform. She has revamped the office's Conviction Integrity Unit, resulting in overturned convictions in over 20 cases, including the first-ever mass exoneration in Cook County for 15 men whose convictions stemmed from misconduct by a Chicago Police Officer. She has been a leader in bond reform, instructing prosecutors to agree to recognizance bonds where appropriate, and reviewing bond decisions in cases where people are detained because they are unable to pay bonds of \$1,000 or less. Kim has taken the lead on prioritizing resources away from low-level offenses, including raising the threshold for approving felony charges for retail theft to \$1,000, and declining to prosecute misdemeanor traffic offenses for failure to pay tickets and fines.

Kim served as an Assistant State's Attorney for 12 years, and was also guardian ad litem, where she worked as an attorney advocating for children navigating the child welfare system. Prior to being elected State's Attorney, Kim served as Chief of Staff for the Cook County Board President, where she was the lead architect of the county's criminal justice reform agenda to address racial disparities in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Born and raised on Chicago's Near North Side, Kim is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, where she earned a B.A. in Political Science and a J.D. from the SIU School of Law.