

David Szuchman bio

David is a lifelong New Yorker and a Westchester County resident of nearly 20 years. He grew up in nearby Rockland County, N.Y., where his mother, Margie, was a schoolteacher and his father, Harold, was the first person in his family to graduate from college and then law school—all while studying at night. Harold was a first-generation American, the son of Jewish immigrants who fled the Holocaust and World War II for New York and a better life.

David lost his father when he was 10 years old, and his mother when he was 26. As a consequence, he understands that our time on this planet is precious; he knew early on that he wanted to make a positive impact on the world. Sitting at the family Passover dinner table one night, he listened, fascinated, as an older cousin talked about his work as a Westchester County assistant district attorney. It planted a seed: David's path to making a difference would be to study criminal law and become a prosecutor.

Straight out of Hofstra University School of Law, he was hired as an assistant district attorney by legendary Manhattan D.A. Robert Morgenthau. David went on to work as a prosecutor in the U.S. Justice Department, combating child exploitation crimes, and then as a governor's appointee to the New Jersey Attorney General's Division of Consumer Affairs, where he managed the 600-person agency and an operating budget of \$84 million. In 2010 he returned to the Manhattan D.A.'s office under Cyrus Vance Jr., where he honed his reputation as a noted expert and investigator of financial and cyber crimes, becoming the Chief of the Investigation Division.

In 2016 he left the Manhattan DA's office to work for PayPal, where as Senior Vice President, Head of Global Financial Crimes and Customer Protection, David oversees 3,500 employees in PayPal's global financial crimes programs. He has designed and led the company's initiatives in anti-money laundering, terrorist-financing detection and prevention, consumer protection, and PayPal's Fraud Defense Command Center.

Losing his parents at such a young age also left David with an unswayable belief in the importance of family and community. He met his wife of 24 years, Jennifer Mitchell, when they were in high school. In 2005 they chose Mamaroneck as the place they wanted to raise and educate their sons, Charlie and Max. David, a long-suffering Mets and Jets fan, has coached and mentored scores of children in almost every youth sport in town—from flag football with Mamaroneck Youth Football League to rec basketball to baseball, where he also served on the board of the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Little League. David is an active and involved member of Larchmont Temple and of the Victory Farms project, which provides fresh home-grown produce to food-insecure neighbors in Larchmont and Mamaroneck.

David is running to be the next Westchester County District Attorney because he believes in the power of the law to keep our families and communities safe. As our D.A. he will employ his formidable prosecutorial experience to combat hate and cyber crimes, gun crime, and domestic violence and human trafficking.

David believes in the law's power to protect citizens, and in its obligation to guarantee equal justice for all. And that the two are not mutually exclusive.