 Jon Tunheim 

Prosecuting Attorney

Originally from South Dakota, Jon Tunheim earned his Bachelor Degree in Physics at South Dakota State University in 1987 and soon moved to Washington to attend law school at the University of Puget Sound School of Law. While in law school, he joined the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office as a legal intern and upon being admitted to the bar, was appointed as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. He served the office in that capacity until he was elected Prosecuting Attorney in 2010. During his career, Tunheim personally prosecuted hundreds of cases, specializing in cases involving sexual assault, domestic violence and crimes against children. Since being elected Prosecuting Attorney, Jon has become intensely interested in Hope Theory as a theory of positive change for individuals, organizations and communities. As a self-proclaimed “hope-ologist”, Jon is convinced that hope is critical to a person’s ability to thrive and flourish. Jon is a frequent presenter of hope theory and strives to provide audiences with a framework to better understand hope and its positive influence on people and organizations.