

## SUNNY HOSTIN

### Biography



Three-time Emmy Award-winner and *New York Times* bestselling author Sunny Hostin has been a co-host of *The View* since 2016. Sunny previously served as a host and legal analyst at CNN, as well as a fill-in co-anchor for ABC News' "World News Now" and "America This Morning." On May 4, Sunny released her *New York Times* bestselling novel, "Summer on the Bluffs" (William Morrow), the first book in her "Summer" trilogy. The story follows three women in their quest to secure the inheritance rights to their beloved godmother's house on the beautiful beaches of Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, the most exclusive Black beach community in the country.

Sunny recently announced the launch of her production company, Roots & Wings Productions, a global, multi-platform media company that will produce and create premium film and television content highlighting important social justice issues, meaningful stories, and underrepresented groups. The company's first project under a deal with Disney is to develop Sunny's novel, "Summer on the Bluffs," as a dramatic series, with ABC Signature and Octavia Spencer's Orit Entertainment.

Sunny was also a part of the groundbreaking ABC primetime newscast, "Soul of a Nation," the first broadcast network newsmagazine aiming to put Black life in America front and center. Sunny moderated a provocative recurring conversation called "In the Kitchen," where each week a group of talkers and thinkers joined her for a candid discussion on current events and the theme of the week.

Sunny is also developing a one-hour drama series *The Counsel* (Fox), which she is executive producing alongside Scott Free Productions and Universal Television. Written by Erica Shelton (*The Good Wife*), the project is inspired by Sunny's own extraordinary political and personal experiences. In it, four thirtysomething women of color, who are leaders in their respective fields of journalism, law, politics and public relations, must rely on their lifelong friendship to overcome a scandal that threatens to unravel everything they've achieved.

In 2020, Sunny released her national bestselling nonfiction book, "I Am These Truths: A Memoir of Identity, Justice, and Living Between Worlds" (Sept. 22; HarperOne), featuring an introspective look into the challenges she faced while being raised by teenage parents in housing projects, the many obstacles she overcame to become a federal prosecutor, and her ultimate path to becoming an incredibly successful television journalist.

In 2019, Sunny hosted and executive produced a six-episode documentary series, *Truth About Murder with Sunny Hostin*, on Investigation Discovery. The series explores the stories behind some of the nation's most notorious homicides. During each episode, Sunny meets with forensic experts, law enforcement officials, prosecutors, defense attorneys and the families of each victim, showing viewers how cases are solved.

After graduating from Notre Dame Law School, Sunny began her career as an appellate law clerk and went on to become a trial attorney for the Justice Department and a federal prosecutor. During her time as Assistant U.S. Attorney, she was awarded the Special Achievement Award by Attorney General Janet Reno for her prosecution of child sexual predators. Serving as a board member for Safe Horizon, she fought for the successful passage of the New York State Child Victims Act in 2019, making it easier for child sex abuse victims to seek justice as adults. An inescapable voice from the top echelons of news and entertainment, Sunny continues to use her platform to advocate for and give a voice to the marginalized.

A gifted storyteller, Sunny's impressive depth of knowledge carries over to politics and the criminal justice system. She has brought clarity and context to some of the biggest stories of the past decade, including incisive political analysis of Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and subsequent presidency, the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the Capitol, the Derek Chauvin trial and verdict, the college admission scandal, the George Zimmerman trial, the unrest in Ferguson and Baltimore, and the

AME church shooting in Charleston. In May 2020, Sunny and a group of Black female activists penned an authoritative op-ed for The Washington Post urging presidential candidate Joe Biden to select a Black female vice-presidential candidate, ultimately predicting his selection of Kamala Harris. Sunny has won two Emmys for her work as a correspondent for ABC's *Good Morning America*, and one for her work as a correspondent for the ABC News Special, *The President and the People*.

Sunny currently resides in New York with her husband Manny and two children, Gabriel and Paloma.

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