



## SONNY R. THATCH, II | VICE PRESIDENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT



Sonny R. Thatch, II is Vice President of Risk Management for Metropolitan Family Services. Thatch leads the compliance and risk management teams to identify, evaluate, mitigate, and monitor all operational and programmatic risk activities of the agency. Working across the agency, Thatch provides key input to the agency's senior executives to ensure adherence with applicable regulations, governmental standards, and strategic imperatives.

Thatch began his career with MFS in 2017 as one of the original attorneys with the Safe Families Program (SFP). With SFP, Thatch represented survivors of domestic violence in civil and criminal protective orders in conjunction with criminal charges when the parties have children in common. In addition to SFP, Thatch served as the attorney to the Gerst Family Young Fathers Program where he led Know Your Rights presentations and created a legal clinic for Family Law along with Criminal Expungement and Sealing.

In 2020, Thatch was appointed as Managing Attorney of the new Communities Partnering for Peace Justice Corps with the Legal Aid Society. There, he created a legal team to support the Metropolitan Peace Initiatives by providing community based civil legal and case management services in Chicago and South Suburbs residents impacted by gun violence and incarceration. These services included but are not limited to criminal and cannabis expungement/sealing, landlord/tenant rights, immigration and human trafficking, and domestic relations. Prior to joining MFS, Sonny had a solo family and domestic violence practice.

Outside of MFS, Thatch also serves as Deputy National Commodore - Mission Support and Atlantic West with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. In this capacity, Thatch supervises six Auxiliary Districts spanning 26 states comprising 4,800 personnel and six National Staff Directorates. There, his team of Auxiliarists are responsible for promoting recreational boating safety by providing public education, search and rescue from the air and water, and maintaining the maritime transportation system. This role has provided Thatch with over 20 years of experience in federal and state regulations, risk policies to protect life and property at sea, and personnel management.

In his spare time, Thatch enjoys bowling and playing tennis in local and international leagues/tournaments.

Thatch received his Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law in Columbus, OH and his Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from DePaul University's Honor Program in Chicago, IL.