

BIO OF DELEGATE MARK L. KEAM

Mark L. Keam represents the 35th District in the Virginia House of Delegates, which includes portions of Vienna, Tysons, Dunn Loring, Oakton and Fair Oaks in Fairfax County.

In his first campaign for public office, in 2009, Mark won a four-way primary election followed by the general election. Mark is the first Korean American and the first Asian-born immigrant to serve in the Virginia legislature.

Mark serves on the Finance Committee and the Militia, Police and Public Safety Committee. He also serves on the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission.

When the General Assembly is not in session, Mark works for Verizon, where he has been since 2007. Previously, Mark served twelve years in both executive and legislative branches of the federal government. He has been Chief Counsel to the Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Assistant Chief Counsel in the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and attorney with the Federal Communications Commission's Wireless Bureau.

Mark was born in Seoul, Korea, but at age four, his family moved to Vietnam where his father established a church. In 1975, when Vietnam fell to communism, the family fled the war-torn country. They then lived in Australia briefly, before moving to America, settling in Orange County, California.

Mark received a political science degree from the University of California at Irvine, and a law degree from U.C. Hastings College of the Law. Mark is married to Alex Seong Keam, a trademark attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. They have two children.