

Steve Marshall
Alabama



Steve Marshall became the 48th Attorney General of Alabama on February 10, 2017. He is a native of Atmore and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1987 and the University of Alabama School of Law in 1990. He served Marshall County as District Attorney from 2001 until 2017. When he was sworn in at age 36, he became the second youngest District Attorney in Alabama.

During his time as District Attorney, he established a reputation for being tough on crime. He founded the Marshall County Major Crimes Unit, the Marshall County Computer Forensics Lab and the Marshall County Crystal Meth Task Force. He was instrumental in passing legislation that required a driver's license for Alabama residents to purchase ingredients for making crystal meth. The legislation also created a database for such purchases and led to a 90-percent reduction in the number of crystal meth labs in the state over the past five years.

He also played a major role in the Brody Act, which holds criminals who kill or injure a mother's unborn baby accountable for two crimes – one against the mother and one against the baby. He was a strong supporter of the Marshall County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and successfully pushed for passage of Kelley's Law, which makes it a capital crime to murder someone who has a protective order against the offender. The law was named for a Marshall County resident who was murdered in a domestic violence incident.

AG Marshall has also served as chairman of the Alabama Criminal Justice Information System (ACJIS), and he is a member of the Alabama Sentencing Commission.

He has one daughter, Faith. He is a member of LifePoint Church in Albertville.

Kevin G. Clarkson

Alaska



Kevin G. Clarkson had a distinguished legal career spanning 34 years in private practice before his appointment as the Attorney General for the State of Alaska. He graduated with honors from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1981 and then graduated cum laude, in the top 10 percent of his class, from Willamette University College of Law in 1985.

Following law school, Perkins Coie offered him a position as a civil litigator in the firm's Anchorage branch office. Mr. Clarkson then left his home state of Oregon to make a new home in Alaska. He worked at Perkins Coie for 10 years doing a wide range of work before joining the firm Brena, Bell & Clarkson, P.C. in 1995 where he continued to hone his skills as the firm's Senior Litigation Attorney. He ended his practice with the law firm upon his appointment as Attorney General in December of 2018.

Over the course of his long legal career, Mr. Clarkson has represented a myriad of clients—from individuals, to Fortune 500 companies, to Native corporations, to municipalities, to Electrical Utilities, to small businesses, to the Alaska Legislature, and the State of Alaska. Because of the general nature of his practice, he has covered a wide range of topics and issues. He has litigated disputes involving personal injury, wrongful death, employment, contract disputes, business dissolutions, construction disputes, professional liability, medical malpractice, and oil and gas related matters. He has defended constitutional amendments and statutes passed by the people of Alaska. He has appeared before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals including the en banc panel of the Court and before the Alaska Supreme Court on a number of occasions.

His many years of experience and his professional demeanor has been recognized by his peers. He has received the highest rating, AV Preeminent, with Martindale-Hubbell and has been admitted to Super Lawyers every year since 2014.

When he's not working, Mr. Clarkson enjoys spending time with his family. He has four grown children, two of whom have settled down in Alaska. One of his sons is serving in the United States Navy, and one of his daughters is currently living in Ohio. Mr. Clarkson also has a five-year-old step-son with his wife Johanna. And, he speaks Spanish.

Talauega Eleasalo V. Ale
American Samoa



Attorney General Ale, who earned his law degree from Drake University in 1994, joined the attorney general's office in August 2012, and later became the deputy attorney general overseeing the Civil Division.

As the new attorney general, Ale also heads the Department of Legal Affairs, which includes the Immigration Office.

Leslie Rutledge
Arkansas



Leslie Carol Rutledge is the 56th attorney general of Arkansas. She was elected on Nov. 4, 2014, and was sworn into office on Jan. 13, 2015. She is the first woman and first Republican in Arkansas history to be elected to the office. Rutledge is an Arkansas lawyer who has spent her entire career in public service. A former prosecutor, her law practice focused on administrative law, state and local government, and election law.

A seventh generation Arkansan, Rutledge grew up on a cattle farm near Batesville, Ark. and attended public school at the Southside School District in Independence County.

From her mother, an elementary school teacher, and her father, a lawyer and a judge, Rutledge learned the importance of hard work and service to others. After graduating from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, she proceeded to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. Rutledge is admitted to practice law in Arkansas, Washington D.C., and before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Rutledge has spent her career standing up for and protecting liberty, opportunity and freedom of all Arkansans enshrined in the United States Constitution. Rutledge began work in the Arkansas Court of Appeals clerking for Judge Josephine Hart, now associate justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court. Rutledge was selected to serve as deputy counsel to the Office of Governor Mike Huckabee working with and advising Arkansas state agencies including: oil and gas commission, public service commission, insurance department, real estate commission, bank department, and dozens of smaller state agencies and departments. She served as deputy prosecuting attorney in Lonoke County handling felony cases and in subsequent service as attorney for the state of Arkansas' Division of Children and Family Services where Rutledge actively advocated for the best interest of Arkansas' most vulnerable.

Her service extends to leadership in numerous community organizations including the Junior League, Alpha Delta Pi Alumni, National Rifle Association and Women in Networking in Central Arkansas. Rutledge is a member of the Arkansas Bar Association, the UALR Bowen School of Law Alumni Board, the Federalist Society and the Republican National Lawyers Association. Rutledge and her husband, Boyce, have a home in Pulaski County and a farm in Crittenden County.

Xavier Becerra
California



On Jan. 24, 2017, Xavier Becerra was sworn in as the 33rd attorney general of the state of California, and is the first Latino to hold the office in the history of the state.

The state's chief law enforcement officer, Attorney General Becerra has decades of experience serving the people of California through appointed and elected office, where he has fought for working families, the vitality of the Social Security and Medicare programs and issues to combat poverty among the working poor. He has also championed the state's economy by promoting and addressing issues impacting job generating industries such as health care, clean energy, technology, and entertainment.

Attorney General Becerra previously served 12 terms in Congress as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. While in Congress, Attorney General Becerra was the first Latino to serve as a member of the powerful Committee on Ways And Means, served as chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, and was ranking member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security.

Prior to serving in Congress, Attorney General Becerra served one term in the California Legislature as the representative of the 59th Assembly District in Los Angeles County. He is a former deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice. The attorney general began his legal career in 1984 working in a legal services office representing the mentally ill.

Born in Sacramento, Calif., Attorney General Becerra is the son of working-class parents and was the first in his family to receive a four-year degree, earning his Bachelor of Arts in economics from Stanford University. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School. His mother was born in Jalisco, Mexico and immigrated to the United States after marrying his father. He is married to Dr. Carolina Reyes, and they are the proud parents of three daughters: Clarisa, Olivia and Natalia.

Phil Weiser
Colorado



Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser was sworn in as the State's 39th Attorney General on January 8, 2019. As the state's chief legal officer, Attorney General Weiser is committed to protecting the people of Colorado and building an innovative and collaborative organization that will address a range of statewide challenges, from addressing the opioid epidemic to reforming our criminal justice system to protecting our land, air, and water.

Attorney General Weiser has dedicated his life to the law, justice, and public service. Before running for office, Weiser served as the Hatfield Professor of Law and Dean of the University of Colorado Law School, where he founded the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship and co-chaired the Colorado Innovation Council.

Weiser served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice and as Senior Advisor for Technology and Innovation in the Obama Administration's National Economic Council. He served on President Obama's Transition Team, overseeing the Federal Trade Commission and previously served in President Bill Clinton's Department of Justice as senior counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, advising on telecommunications matters.

Before his appointment at the Justice Department, Weiser served as a law clerk to Justices Byron R. White and Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the United States Supreme Court and to Judge David Ebel at the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado.

The son and grandson of Holocaust survivors, Weiser is deeply committed to the American Dream and ensuring opportunity for all Coloradans. Weiser lives in Denver with his wife, Dr. Heidi Wald, and their two children.

Karl A. Racine
District of Columbia



Attorney General Karl A. Racine is the first elected attorney general of the District of Columbia. With his inauguration in 2014, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) began an era of independence for the agency and accountability to District residents.

As the chief legal officer for the District of Columbia, Attorney General Racine relies on his 25 years of legal and leadership experience to advise the mayor and District agencies, defend the city in court, and use the law to advance the public interest. He has prioritized data-driven juvenile justice reform, consumer protection efforts aimed at assisting the District's most vulnerable residents, measures to advance democracy and safeguard public integrity, and legal actions to protect affordable housing in communities across the District.

In line with those priorities, since taking office, Attorney General Racine has helped to end mandatory shackling of juveniles appearing before D.C. Superior Court and led the way to increase options for the rehabilitation of low-risk juvenile offenders. A diversion program that helps these young people get and stay on the right track has so far achieved a success rate of more than 80 percent; under Attorney General Racine, OAG has increased participation in the program five-fold, positively impacting lives and increasing public safety.

In 2015, Attorney General Racine established a standalone Office of Consumer Protection within OAG focused on outreach, education, and legal actions to protect consumers. He has brought tens of millions of dollars to the District through settlements and judgments in cases against corporate wrongdoers. He has also initiated lawsuits aimed at preserving safe and habitable affordable housing.

Attorney General Racine has broad and deep legal experience, with a career that spans representing indigent residents in the D.C. Public Defender Service and volunteering as a law student in a clinic supporting migrant farm workers' rights to serving as associate White House counsel in the first Clinton Administration and practicing white-collar and commercial litigation with leading law firms. Attorney General Racine was the first African-American managing partner of a top-100 US law firm, Venable LLP, where he led a team of over 600 attorneys, and has also served on the District's Judicial Nomination Commission.

A lifelong District resident, Attorney General Racine attended Murch Elementary School, Deal Junior High School, Wilson High School, and graduated from St. Johns College High School. He also played basketball in youth sports leagues across the city. Attorney General Racine's deep commitment to equal justice was inspired by his parents, who fled authoritarian rule in Haiti to start a new life in the United States, and by the lawyers of the Civil Rights Movement, who used the law to effect positive social change. Outside of his official role, he remains involved with a variety of causes, including youth literacy and mentoring.

Racine earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Leevin T. Camacho

Guam



Throughout his career, Leevin has been an advocate for everyday people. From teaching in the Guam public school system, working with low-income communities in Seattle and Boston, and fighting to protect Pagat Village, Leevin has acted in the service of people.

Leevin attended John F. Kennedy High School and the University of Washington. After graduating from Boston University School of Law, he clerked for the Supreme Court of Guam before entering private practice.

Leevin has been a private practice attorney for the past 12 years, seven as a solo practitioner. He has handled more than 100 criminal cases and over 15 Supreme Court of Guam appeals. He has assisted the governments of Guam and the CNMI in reviewing complex environmental impact studies. He has also litigated several land rights and environmental justice cases, including a lawsuit to stop the construction of a firing range complex over Pagat Village and a case challenging the proposed development of a high-rise tower in southern Guam. He is also local counsel in a national lawsuit seeking to extend voting rights to U.S. citizens living in the territories.

Leevin is the son of Lolita San Nicolas Taitano (Familian Asan and Familian Lucas) and Vincent G. Camacho (Familian Santiago and Familian Victoriano). He is married to Jennifer Crisostomo Camacho (Familian Beyong and Familian BeckPing), and they have two rowdy children, Tanom and Matua.

Lawrence Wasden

Idaho



Lawrence Wasden is Idaho's 32nd attorney general. He was elected to his fourth term on Nov. 4, 2014, and is the longest serving attorney general in the state's history.

Mr. Wasden has dedicated most of his professional career to public service. He started working in the attorney general's office in 1989, when he was appointed as a deputy attorney general and assigned to the Idaho State Tax Commission. He was promoted to deputy chief of staff then later to chief of staff. He was first elected attorney general in 2002.

Before serving in the attorney general's office, Mr. Wasden was a deputy prosecuting attorney in Canyon County and the prosecuting attorney in Owyhee County.

Throughout his career, General Wasden has been recognized for his leadership in the legal profession, public health, protecting children and consumers of all ages, prosecuting public corruption cases and promoting open and transparent government.

As attorney general, Mr. Wasden has framed his leadership of the office around two fundamental principles: The Rule of Law and calling legal "balls and strikes" fair and square.

Mr. Wasden is a past chair of the Conference of Western Attorneys General and a past president of the National Association of Attorneys General. He currently serves on NAAG's Mission Foundation. In his role with the Conference of Western Attorneys General, General Wasden has been active in the Alliance Partnership, a program devoted to strengthening and reforming the justice system in Mexico. Since 2006, General Wasden and the Alliance Partnership have led multiple training seminars for Mexican prosecutors, investigators and forensic experts making the transition to an adversarial system of justice.

AG Wasden served for more than a decade on the board of directors of the American Legacy Foundation, the nonprofit created in the wake of the national tobacco settlement to educate youth and adults on the risks and dangers of smoking. He stepped down as board chairman in 2014. Recognizing Mr. Wasden's service, the Foundation donated \$350,000 to the University of Idaho College of Law to create a scholars program in his name.

In 2007, Mr. Wasden received “The People First” Award from the Idaho Newspaper Foundation for his work to promote and educate government officials, media and citizens about Idaho’s Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. Mr. Wasden continues to travel around the state annually to promote open and transparent government at all levels and educate Idahoans on the state’s public records laws.

Other recognition Mr. Wasden has received include:

- The Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance Leadership Award in 2009 for his support of victims’ rights and efforts to reduce domestic violence.
- The Conference of Western Attorneys General’s rarely-given “Courage in Public Service” Award in 2010, given for acting with courage and integrity in fulfilling the duties of office.
- Idaho Voices for Children named him the “2011 Children’s Champion” for efforts to protect children from sexual abuse. The honor came after Mr. Wasden worked to launch the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the ProtecTeens Internet Safety Program.
- The Idaho Business Review honored Mr. Wasden in 2014 with the “Lifetime Achievement Award” as part of its Leaders in Law program.

AG Wasden earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Idaho and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1985. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science from Brigham Young University in 1982.

Mr. Wasden is a founding member, and past chairman, of the Government and Public Lawyers Section of the Idaho State Bar. He also serves on the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Board.

Lawrence and Tracey Wasden were married in 1980 and live in Nampa, Idaho. They are proud parents of four children and nine grandchildren.

Kwame Raoul

Illinois



Kwame Raoul was born in Chicago to Haitian-born immigrants. A lifelong resident of the Hyde Park/Kenwood area, he completed his undergraduate education at DePaul University and went on to earn a law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. Kwame started his legal career nearly 25 years ago as a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and continued to practice as a labor and employment attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago.

In 2004, Kwame was appointed to fill the vacancy left in the 13th Legislative District by former state Senator Barack Obama's election to the U.S. Senate. At the state Capitol, he quickly gained the confidence of leaders to handle difficult negotiations and landmark legislation, including the abolition of the death penalty, background checks on private transfers of guns and the strongest voting rights protection in the country.

An attorney concerned both with crime victims and the rights of the accused, Kwame has consistently introduced and supported criminal justice reform legislation that makes Illinois not just tough on crime, but smart on crime. He sponsored diversion and second-chance programs, made it easier for juveniles to have their records expunged and pushed through landmark law enforcement reform, including body camera and police training standards. Most recently, he passed a criminal justice reform package aimed at reducing gun violence by cracking down on repeat offenders while making sentences for nonviolent offenders more reasonable. He has also passed bills aimed at fighting the heroin/opioid crisis. Kwame has been recognized for his work to protect victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Kwame's other achievements in the Senate include expanding opportunities for minority and women-owned financial service firms, helping protect student athletes from brain injuries, eliminating pension ethics loopholes and reforming workers compensation policy. He served as chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Curtis Hill

Indiana



In November 2002, Curtis T. Hill Jr. received 78 percent of the vote and was elected prosecuting attorney for Elkhart County. Armed with an ambitious platform, he immediately set out to transform Indiana's largest part-time prosecuting attorney's office into a full-time professional and well-respected centralized law enforcement agency. Re-elected in 2006, 2010, and 2014, Curtis is serving his fourth term as prosecuting attorney.

Curtis is recognized statewide as setting the standard for successful prosecution of serious and violent offenders. While he is well known for taking a hard line against career and hardened criminals, he has also initiated creative programs in alternative justice allowing the criminal justice system to focus the bulk of its resources on more significant crimes, while still exacting accountability for lesser offenses. As a trial lawyer, Curtis supervises a staff of public safety professionals including highly-trained, committed and well-prepared deputy prosecutors who understand their mission is to seek the truth.

Earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from the Indiana University School of Business in Bloomington, Curtis went on to pursue his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Indiana University School of Law where he graduated in 1987. He began his legal career as a part-time deputy prosecuting attorney for Elkhart County where he also maintained a private general practice of law.

Curtis and his wife, Teresa, have five children. They attend First Baptist Church in Elkhart. He attained a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a black belt in Hapkido.

Tom Miller

Iowa



Tom Miller is serving in his ninth four-year term as attorney general of Iowa.

He was born Aug. 11, 1944, in Dubuque, Iowa, the son of the late Elmer and Betty Miller. Tom grew up in Dubuque, where his father was the longtime county assessor and an inspiration for Tom's early interest in public service. Tom graduated from Wahlert High School in 1962 and Loras College in 1966, and he received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1969.

After law school, Mr. Miller served as a VISTA volunteer in Baltimore, Md., for two years, and then as legislative assistant to U.S. Representative John C. Culver (D-IA.) He returned to the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau as legal education director, and he also taught part-time at the Maryland School of Law. In 1973, Mr. Miller returned to live in Iowa. He opened a law practice in McGregor in northeast Iowa and served as city attorney of McGregor and Marquette, Iowa. He ran for attorney general in 1974.

Attorney General Miller has served in office since he was first elected in 1978, except for four years (1991-94) when he was in private practice.

Attorney General Tom Miller has earned a reputation for integrity, high quality legal work, and strong work on behalf of ordinary Iowans. He is well known for his work to prevent crime and assist crime victims, to protect consumers, and to be an advocate for farmers:

Fighting crime has always been one of his top priorities. The Attorney General's Office continues its strong record handling many of the state's most important and difficult criminal prosecutions and arguing all of the state's criminal appeals before the Iowa Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Mr. Miller and his office also have focused on fighting juvenile crime and working for improvements in the juvenile justice system. The office also provides extensive assistance to victims of crime, including crime victim compensation and support for local programs that aid victims.

Protecting consumers is one of Mr. Miller's highest priorities. The Consumer Protection Division in his office has helped hundreds of thousands of Iowans with complaints about wide-ranging topics, including improper debt collection practices, telemarketing fraud and abuse, charity

fraud, predatory lending, mortgage, and vehicle complaints. His office's undercover telephone lines have helped reduce telemarketing crimes that cheat older Iowans and people all over the nation. Attorney General Miller has led major multistate investigations and settlements that resulted in millions of dollars in consumer relief to Iowans, and changes to the mortgage servicing industry and subprime lenders.

Working for farmers has always been a mission for Mr. Miller, who established the nation's first farm division in an attorney general's office when he took office in 1978. The Farm Division has led the way in successful cases against agricultural chemical companies, helped hundreds of farmers get a fair shake from a huge pipeline project cutting across their farmland, led a group of states insisting on compensation to farmers and elevators who suffer losses resulting from StarLink genetically modified corn, and pushed for laws to protect farmers who enter contracts with large agribusinesses.

Attorney General Miller is known for his longtime fight on behalf of kids and taxpayers with his campaign to reduce the enormous death toll and financial costs of tobacco addiction and disease. He was a leader in the multistate settlement agreement that resulted in the tobacco industry paying billions of dollars to the states and changing the way it conducts business. Now Attorney General Miller is working to reduce youth addiction and the thousands of Iowans who die every year from tobacco-related disease.

Mr. Miller has a long record of achieving results through cooperation with other state attorneys general and with local, state and federal officials, regardless of their political affiliation. He has served as president of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) and received NAAG's Wyman Award as the attorney general who contributed most to NAAG and its members. He has chaired several NAAG committees and led major multistate working groups working on tobacco issues, antitrust enforcement, agriculture, and consumer protection.

Jeff Landry

Louisiana



One of four children raised in a middle class, St. Martinville family - General Landry grew up through Louisiana's oil bust - teaching him personally the effects that a bad economy can have on a family, particularly in a small town. General Landry watched his school teacher mother and architect father work hard and sacrifice even more to ensure their children had the best education possible. Greatly respecting these sacrifices, he joined the Louisiana National Guard while still in high school. Understanding that hard work and determination will prevail over any bad situation – Attorney General Landry awoke early each day to work in Louisiana's sugar cane fields, as his first job out of high school.

General Landry worked his way through college as a police officer and a sheriff's deputy. He experienced the necessity of protecting our communities and ensuring the law is faithfully executed by our elected officials, the attorney general's office, and the courts. As a veteran, Attorney General Landry faithfully upheld the oath to protect our civil liberties while keeping our communities safe.

General Landry served as an aide in the Louisiana State Senate, where he learned firsthand that many solutions to our problems can be found from listening to the voices of the people not just from listening to the debate of politicians. As a young entrepreneur, Attorney General Landry and a friend started an oil and gas environmental service company. Recognized for his success in business, he was selected to serve as the Executive Director of the St. Martin Parish Economic Development Authority. As director, Attorney General Landry was instrumental in recruiting a Fortune 500 company to the Parish. By leveraging local resources, he helped to create thousands of jobs and to spur the economic energy corridor on Louisiana's Highway 90.

Understanding the importance of a quality education, Attorney General Landry at a later age went back to school - law school - starting part-time at Southern University then finishing his law degree at Loyola University. Upon earning his juris doctorate, Attorney General Landry returned to Acadiana - where as a business attorney in Lafayette, he spent his days in the legal trenches helping employers create jobs. Utilizing his background in economic development, Attorney General Landry helped small and large businesses navigate the complexities of our legal environment. He has argued cases in front of judges in South Louisiana.

In 2010, General Landry was elected to the United States House of Representatives. As one of Louisiana's Congressmen – Attorney General Landry became known as a ferocious advocate of the Constitution, a leader on national energy policy emphasizing increased domestic oil and gas production, an activist for conservative family values, and a promoter of true reductions in wasteful government spending.

Attorney General Landry is a veteran of Desert Storm and left the military with the rank of Sergeant. He received the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, a National Defense Ribbon, an Overseas Training Ribbon and the Louisiana War Cross from his eleven years of service as a member of the Louisiana National Guard.

General Landry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental and sustainable resources with a minor in biology from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He and his wife, Sharon, are raising their son, J.T., in Acadiana.

Douglas Peterson

Nebraska



Elected as Nebraska's 32nd attorney general in 2014, Doug Peterson has dedicated his career to being an advocate for Nebraskans both in state and federal court.

Peterson was born in Columbus, Nebraska and grew up primarily in Lincoln. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a business degree in 1981 and from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1985.

Following law school, Mr. Peterson spent two years in North Platte, Nebraska, prosecuting both criminal and civil cases for the Lincoln County Attorney. From 1988 to 1990, he served as assistant attorney general to the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, representing the state in employment law matters and tort litigation. In 1990, Peterson entered private practice, where he had the opportunity to advise and advocate for both individuals and businesses.

In his role as attorney general, Peterson works closely with law enforcement agencies across the state to ensure that Nebraska communities are safe. Peterson's office has supported strengthened legislation and enforcement in the areas of human trafficking, prosecution of child sexual assault and abuse, and consumer protection laws to safeguard all Nebraskans.

Hector Balderas

New Mexico



On Tuesday, Nov. 4th, 2014, Hector Balderas was elected the 31st attorney general for the State of New Mexico.

Hector is committed to serving as the people's advocate and voice, and will work to protect New Mexico's families by focusing on economic security and public safety.

Hector was raised by a single mother in the small village of Wagon Mound, N.M. Growing up in public housing and on food stamps, he learned the importance of compassion and respect, and gained the conviction that everyone – no matter their background – deserves the same opportunities to succeed. Through hard work and by overcoming financial hardship, Hector earned degrees from New Mexico Highlands University and the University of New Mexico Law School. He became the first person from Wagon Mound to graduate from law school and become an attorney.

After law school, Hector turned down opportunities to work in the private sector and instead chose to pursue his passion for public service. He became a Bernalillo County Assistant District Attorney and quickly earned a reputation as a fierce advocate for fairness and justice.

In December 2003, Hector returned to Wagon Mound with his wife and three young children to give back to his rural community. At age 29, with no prior political experience, Hector ran for a seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives and won by a two-to-one margin. During his tenure as State Representative, Hector brought Democrats and Republicans together to pass sweeping legislation to strengthen penalties for sexual predators; establish incentives for clean energy; invest in rural public schools; enact reforms to the criminal justice system; crack down on drunk drivers; and protect consumers from price gouging in times of emergency or disaster. Hector's bipartisan approach and legislative accomplishments led to recognition of his work by a diverse set of groups, ranging from the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce to the League of Conservation Voters. The New Mexico State Bar Association also acknowledged Hector for his achievements by naming him Outstanding Young Lawyer of New Mexico for 2006.

While serving as State Representative, Hector became frustrated by the lack of accountability for local and state officials who wasted and abused taxpayer dollars without consequence. Pledging to New Mexicans to bring transparency to government's financial affairs, Hector was elected New Mexico's State Auditor in November 2006. At the time of his election, he became the youngest Hispanic statewide elected official in the country.

As New Mexico's State Auditor, Hector inherited an underfunded office with audit oversight of \$60 billion in assets collectively held by over 1,000 government entities. He immediately pursued an aggressive agenda designed to protect taxpayer funds and hold government agencies accountable. During his time in office, Hector's effort to target corruption yielded historic results. His special audits and investigations exposed rampant financial mismanagement of taxpayer funds at New Mexico's regional housing authorities; revealed questionable public land deals given to private contractors by a former state land commissioner; identified the misuse of state vehicles at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission; found over-billing by private contractors at the New Mexico Corrections Department; and uncovered evidence related to the New Mexico Finance Authority's issuance of a fraudulent audit report for 2011. His special audit of the City of Sunland Park, which found widespread violations of law by certain city officials and employees, resulted in the first state government takeover of the management of a city. In addition, Hector's auditors uncovered the largest public school embezzlement in state history: a \$3.3 million embezzlement scheme at the Jemez Mountain School District. Hector also led efforts to reform state laws to impose penalties on governments that fail to submit audits and to bring financial relief to rural governments struggling to pay high audit costs.

Hector's record of strengthening accountability in state and local government agencies has been lauded by independent groups and by New Mexico's voters, who re-elected him in 2010 with overwhelming support from Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Also in 2010, Hector was awarded the New Frontier Award by the Harvard Institute of Politics and the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. The annual award is given to Americans whose contributions in elective office or community service demonstrate the impact and value of public service in the spirit of John F. Kennedy.

Hector lives in Albuquerque with his wife Denise and their three children, Hector Reyes Jr., Mariola, and Arianna. He is licensed to practice law in New Mexico and is a Certified Fraud Examiner. In addition, he donates his time promoting financial literacy for at risk youth and advocating for the special needs community.

Wayne Stenehjem
North Dakota



Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem was born in Mohall, N.D. He graduated from the University of North Dakota and received his law degree from the UND School of Law in 1977. He is married to Beth Bakke Stenehjem and has a son, Andrew.

Stenehjem was elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives in 1976, serving for two terms until his election to the ND Senate in 1980. He served for twenty years in the Senate until his election to the Office of Attorney General. Stenehjem served on the Judiciary Committee throughout his tenure in the Legislature, and was Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1995-2000. He was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 1999 Legislative Session. In January 2001, Stenehjem was sworn in as the State's 29th Attorney General. He was reelected in 2004, 2006, 2010, and 2014.

Since taking office Wayne has:

- Made drug enforcement a priority, proposing legislation to developing a drug enforcement initiative which coordinates law enforcement, health and human service agencies, and as well as addiction counseling, youth education, and stronger penalties for offenders.
- Launched the state's sex offender website to provide parents and other concerned citizens with access to information about the most dangerous sex offenders in the state.
- Worked to enact and enforce legislation to curb methamphetamine (meth) use and addiction in the state by restricting retail sales of certain products used to manufacture meth, to provide mandatory treatment for drug offenders, and increase criminal penalties for drug offenders which has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the production and use of meth in North Dakota.
- Established the state's Do Not Call list, giving North Dakota consumers welcome relief from unwanted telemarketing calls.
- Has worked diligently to eliminate domestic violence in the state. He was awarded the "Love Without Fear Award" by the Abused Adult Resource Center, noting that, during his years in the Legislature, he had been a sponsor or cosponsor of every piece of legislation enacted in the state designed to curb domestic violence.
- Introduced an online Identity Theft program, designed to provide North Dakota victims with "one click" access to all the information and forms necessary to document and identity theft.
- Launched the state's "Cold Case Investigations" squad to assist local law enforcement agencies with unsolved missing person and homicide cases. The squad utilizes advances in forensics and

DNA technology and new investigative techniques to re-investigate evidence and explore new leads.

- Established a sobriety pilot program to keep repeat drunk drivers from drinking and driving. Under the 24/7 Sobriety pilot program, repeat DUI offenders in the program area are ordered to complete breath alcohol testing twice a day as a condition of bond. If the offender drinks, the breath test will show it and the offender is taken directly to jail for the bond violation.
- Established, in 2010, the RX TAKE BACK Program, to provide a safe and secure way for residents to dispose of unwanted medications at no cost. The disposal program accepts all over-the-counter and prescription medications – including controlled substances. The Take Back units, which are similar to the needle disposal containers in hospital rooms but on a much larger scale, are located in the lobby of local law enforcement agencies. The program is operated by the Attorney General’s office at no cost to the participating communities or the local law enforcement agencies. To date, it is the nation's only ongoing, permanent, statewide program.

Attorney General Stenehjem is a member of numerous boards and commissions, including the Board of University and School Lands, Industrial Commission (which oversees all state-owned industries including the Bank of North Dakota and the State Mill and Elevator), Drug and Alcohol Commission (chair), Judicial Council and Pardon Advisory Board.

He was named one of 10 Outstanding Legislators in the US by the Association of Government Employees, and is the recipient of “Champion of the People’s Right to Know” award; SBAND Legislative Service Award; “Friend of Psychology” award; the 2005 North Dakota Peace Officer’s Association’s Lone Eagle Award, was inducted into the Scandinavian American Hall of Fame in 2007, and was named the 2011 Bismarck State College Alumnus of the Year. An Eagle Scout since 1968, Stenehjem was honored with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2013.

Edward Manibusan
Northern Mariana Islands



Edward Eladio Manibusan is an experienced lawyer and former judge. In addition to his busy practice, he currently serves as civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., and serves as the chairman of the Judicial Discipline Enforcement Special Court of Guam.

Ed has worked on many high profile matters and possesses a broad array of experience. He has handled regulatory issues, civil rights actions, fraud and abuse investigations, legislative review, and strategic counseling. As a former head of the Department of Public Safety, he was trained in Quantico, Va., at the FBI academy, and has special insight into the relationship between the Department of Public Safety and the Attorney General's Office.

As a former judge of the Superior Court; former justice pro tem of the CNMI Supreme Court and Supreme Court of Guam; and former US District Court judge designate, Ed understands the judicial process, and the role of the prosecutor. His training has included the National Judicial College and the National College of District Attorneys.

When he served as chairman of the Youth Advisory Council, Office of the Governor from 2006 - 2010, Ed worked to implement federal funding for criminal justice youth programs. He reviewed projects including youth community centers where kids could come after school to study, afterschool programs, and youth basketball programs.

Ed has been happily married for 33 years to Del, and has three children and three grandchildren. He has served as pro bono legal counsel to the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa from 2004 to the present. Among some of his other community activities, he is the founder and president of the Northern Marianas Junior Golf League, and served on the Board of Directors of Mount Carmel School for many years.

Ellen F. Rosenblum

Oregon



A former federal prosecutor and state trial and appellate judge, Ellen Rosenblum was first elected to a four-year term as Oregon's 17th attorney general in November 2012 and was re-elected to a second term Nov. 8, 2016. She is the first woman to serve as Oregon attorney general. Her priorities include consumer protection and civil rights – advocating for and protecting Oregon's children, seniors, immigrants and crime victims and those saddled with education-related debt. She is committed to assisting district attorneys and local law enforcement in prosecuting elder abuse and complex crimes and has made crimes against children as well as consumer internet privacy high priorities.

Attorney General Rosenblum has been active in local and national organizations of lawyers, judges and attorneys' general. She has served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General and she is the immediate past chair of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. She has served as secretary of the American Bar Association and is the chair of the ABA Section of State & Local Government Law. She co-founded the section's Attorneys General and Department of Justice Issues Committee (AGDJ).

Alan Wilson
South Carolina



Alan Wilson was elected South Carolina's 51st attorney general on Nov. 2, 2010, and re-elected on Nov. 4, 2014. Since being elected, Wilson has focused on keeping South Carolina's families safe, defending their freedom and protecting their futures.

This marks his third stint in the office. Previously, he served as a prosecution division intern under Charlie Condon and as an assistant attorney general under Henry McMaster.

As South Carolina's attorney general, Wilson is the state's chief prosecutor, chief securities officer, and the state's chief legal counsel. The office is comprised of more than 200 employees and nearly 75 attorneys who manage nearly 8,000 active case files.

He has worked closely with the attorney general's office, the State Law Enforcement Division, every sheriff, the Police Chief's Association, victim's advocacy groups and all 16 solicitors. Together, they are actively advancing legislative priorities to ensure South Carolina is the safest place to live, work, and raise a family. This coalition has been successful in passing crucial public safety legislation, such as the Ashley Hall bill and Emma's Law.

As attorney general, Wilson has defended the Constitution and the laws of this state even if it means challenging the federal government. He has protected South Carolina's right-to-work; helped lead the 26-state challenge to the federal health care mandate; and successfully safeguarded South Carolina's voter identification and immigration laws in court. Wilson works closely with other attorneys general across the nation to protect the rule of law and defend the constitution on issues such as Obamacare, Dodd Frank, EPA overreach, Yucca Mountain, MOX Facility, Religious Freedom and many others.

In 2012, he worked tirelessly with local legislators to strengthen South Carolina's human trafficking laws. During that process, a Human Trafficking Task Force was established, which is chaired by the Attorney General's Office. Because of these efforts, South Carolina has gone from having one of the worst statutes in the country, to one of the best.

In November 2013, Wilson was elected as chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA).

Prior to his election, Wilson served as an assistant solicitor and as an assistant attorney general before entering private practice with the Columbia firm of Willoughby & Hoefler, P.A. He began his legal career working for the late Judge Marc H. Westbrook.

Wilson joined the National Guard immediately after graduating from college. He was called to serve in Iraq where he led troops through enemy fire and earned the Combat Action Badge. Today, he continues his military service by providing legal support for soldiers and assisting in the prosecution of military crimes as a lieutenant colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps.

He is a graduate of Francis Marion University and the University of South Carolina School of Law. Wilson and his wife, Jennifer, have two young children, Michael and Anna Grace.

Jason Ravensborg

South Dakota



On January 5, 2019, Jason Ravensborg was sworn in as the 31st Attorney General of South Dakota. He serves as the chief law enforcement officer and legal advisor for the State.

Jason graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and Political Science as well as an Army commission through ROTC. Jason received his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Law while simultaneously obtaining a Masters of Arts in History and also while serving as an editor of law review.

He participated in a clerkship after graduation before becoming a partner in the law firm of Harmelink, Fox & Ravensborg in Yankton, South Dakota. Jason also served as a Deputy States Attorney for Union County, South Dakota. He is licensed to practice law in South Dakota and Iowa as well as the federal courts of South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, the Federal Court of Claims and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Jason is a combat veteran. He has been deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom to Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. For his service he has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal along with many other awards as well as being honored for his service by Congress. Jason is currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves. Jason has had four company commands and currently serves as a battalion commander overseeing over 600 Soldiers in the four states of South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska and Missouri.

In 2018, Jason was elected as South Dakota's Attorney General.

Ken Paxton

Texas



Texas' 51st attorney general, Ken Paxton, is known for his principled and uncompromising devotion to America's founding values, and as a man who has demonstrated enormous political courage throughout his service to Texas.

The son of an Air Force veteran, General Paxton is a stalwart leader with an abiding passion and deep-seated respect for our U.S. Constitution.

In his first year in office, General Paxton hit the ground running, filing eight lawsuits against the federal government to protect Texas sovereignty on environmental issues, health care, religious freedom and immigration. The lawsuit he led for a 26-state coalition stopped President Obama's illegal immigration plan in its tracks, winning in federal courts three times.

He also launched a new unit targeting human traffickers in Texas, fought for the rights of consumers against unscrupulous companies and institutions, and protected the privacy rights of Texans during the RadioShack bankruptcy hearings.

While serving in both chambers of the Texas Legislature, General Paxton worked to protect the 10th Amendment, defending Texas' state sovereignty. He co-sponsored and defended Texas' Voter ID bill, and has been a prominent voice in the defense of religious liberty and the protection of the unborn.

A defender of our free enterprise system, General Paxton has worked to make Texas a beacon of economic prosperity, opposing burdensome government regulations that harm Texas jobs and stunt economic growth.

Ken Paxton was born December 23, 1962, in Minot, N.D., while his father was stationed at Minot Air Force Base. He graduated from Baylor University, where he served as student body president, earning a B.A. in psychology in 1985 and an M.B.A. in 1986.

In 1991, he earned a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, founded by Thomas Jefferson. After law school, he joined the firm of Strasburger & Price, LLP, and later served as in-house counsel for J.C. Penney Company.

First elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2002, General Paxton represented House District 70 for 10 years, one of the fastest-growing regions in the state. In 2012, he was elected to the Texas State Senate, representing Senate District 8 in Collin and Dallas counties.

He met his wife Angela, a guidance counselor at Legacy Christian Academy in Frisco, while they were students at Baylor. The Paxtons have four children: Tucker, Abby, Mattie, and Katie. They are members of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano.

Sean Reyes

Utah



Elected to a full term in November of 2016, Sean Reyes has been Utah attorney general since his appointment on Dec. 30, 2013 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. General Reyes was immediately faced with the challenge of restoring public trust in the Utah Attorney General's Office (AGO), where accusations of wrongdoing and abuse of power beset his two predecessors.

Restoring Public Trust

In a short amount of time, Reyes has won back confidence in the AGO from leaders in law, education, business, politics and, most importantly, from Utah citizens. In the first months of his administration, by commissioning outside investigations and audits to shine a light on even the possibility of misconduct in the AGO, streamline budgets and expenditures, and improve infrastructure and client satisfaction, Reyes quickly reestablished credibility at the highest ranks of the office. By requiring resignations of all leadership, asking them to reapply and comprehensively evaluating talent before making selections on over sixty leadership positions, he demonstrated his commitment to hire and promote based solely on merit, diffusing perceptions of cronyism or political favoritism. He is quick to point out that the significant increase in women and minority leaders in the AGO is not a result of an affirmative action program but simply a more representative outcome from many more candidates applying with a level playing field. Armed with a top-flight executive team that he largely recruited from the private sector, and committed leadership within the office, General Reyes has created renewed excitement among the lawyers and professionals of the AGO to match the increased trust of the public in his office.

Wide-Spread Support

Reyes has been lauded by legislators from both sides of the aisle for his work ethic and legal acumen and won praise from the governor and his Cabinet for increased excellence and transparency in the AGO. The office, under the Reyes Administration, has the support of mayors, councilmen and commissioners statewide and critical law enforcement relationships have been repaired with sheriffs, police chiefs and federal partners like ICE and the DEA. Among his peers in the legal community, Reyes has been applauded by county attorneys, judges and lawyers for focusing his office on the rule of law and not political agendas or special interests. Citizens have

also appreciated Reyes' emphasis on protecting them and particularly children from violent crimes, drugs and internet predators. Consumers and business owners have praised his focus on stamping out white collar crime, illegal business practices, Ponzi schemes and fraud that costs the state billions of dollars annually. And whether or not they agree with a particular position he is asserting or defending, citizens statewide are gaining respect for Reyes' leadership and focus on common sense approaches, legal excellence and ethics.

Cases of National Interest

At the time of his inauguration, several cases of national interest, including those regarding the definition of marriage, polygamy and immigration were awaiting his direction and leadership. While very emotional and potentially divisive in nature, Reyes has approached each case with the same sense of dignity, professionalism, duty and respect that won him numerous awards and recognitions throughout his legal career. Along with many upgrades to infrastructure, technology and efficiencies to make his legal teams even better, he has also organized a Constitutional Law Section to prepare the AGO for many critical issues facing and likely to face Utah in the near future.

Reputation

Reyes and his executive team have quickly established a reputation on Capitol Hill for their cohesion and tireless work ethic. Work weeks of 70-80 hours (and 90-100 hours during the legislative session) are not uncommon. Client responsiveness, legal excellence, fiscal responsibility, non-partisan/no-nonsense approaches, blue collar, roll-up-your sleeves, get the job done, win doing it the right way strategies are all key phrases from the leadership at the AGO. While expecting a tremendous amount from his team (from leaders to line staff), no one expects more from himself than Reyes in making the AGO the finest law office in the state. Discipline and integrity are also words often used to describe the Reyes team. While not required by state law, under the direction of Reyes, there has been a clear line of demarcation drawn between his external political (campaign) team and his internal office (policy) team. While admittedly inconvenient, keeping separate phones, computers, staff and resources helps the public confidence that state resources are not being used for personal or campaign purposes.

Education and Prior Legal and Leadership Experience

Before serving as Utah attorney general, Reyes was among the most dynamic and successful young professionals in the country. He has been recognized nationally and locally for his legal skills and professionalism, local and national Bar leadership and unparalleled commitment to public service. He has lent his legal expertise to media outlets ranging from Fox National Business News to The Economist.

After graduating summa cum laude from Brigham Young University in 1994, Reyes earned his law degree with honors from U.C. Berkeley in 1997. He practiced for nearly 14 years at Parsons Behle & Latimer, the largest law firm in the state, where he became one of the first minority lawyers to make partner at a major Utah firm. While there, Reyes represented clients on some of the largest and most high profile litigation cases in the history of the state. He argued or briefed

cases before state and federal courts throughout the country, including the Utah Supreme Court and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

During that time, Reyes was honored as the first-ever National Outstanding Young Lawyer by the American Bar Association, a distinction bestowed on one lawyer out of millions nationwide. He was also recognized as the Utah Young Lawyer of the Year, one of Utah's 40 most influential business leaders under the age of 40 and the first recipient of Brigham Young University's Distinguished Young Alumnus Award. A nine time consecutive honoree on Utah Business Magazine's Legal Elite List, Reyes has also been highlighted as a Mountain States Super Lawyer and Top 50 Most Influential Asian Professional in America.

After his distinguished career at Parsons Behle, Reyes continued to be recognized with awards and accolades for his legal skill and excellence in his role as general counsel for a Utah media and technology company.

In the legal community, Reyes has served for over a decade as a small claims judge and spent two years serving on the governing body of the Utah State Bar. He was president of the Utah Minority Bar Association for which he received state and national honors and served in leadership for the Young Lawyers Division.

For years, Reyes has maintained an "AV" rating, the highest ranking possible as determined by peer ratings.

Reyes has lectured at both local law schools, presented at numerous legal conferences and mentored countless students. His legal volunteer endeavors have included pro bono cases for refugees, veterans and seniors, community education projects, free legal clinics, fundraising for pro bono legal services, clothing drives and service on various task forces and commissions.

Past Business and Non-Profit Experience

In the business community, Reyes has served on boards for "for-profit" and "non-profit" entities, including organizations ranging from Utah Fast Pass (for fallen law enforcement officers) to United Way Heroes and Fight the New Drug (an anti-pornography initiative). He helped rebuild the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and co-founded its education foundation. He was an early supporter of the Utah Asian Chamber and helped establish its education initiative. Reyes has created programs to bring larger businesses together to mentor smaller ones. He was also a co-founder of Fraud College, a free-to-the-public symposium to educate everyday citizens on how to avoid being taken by scams with an on-line component for support. Fraud College has received national acclaim and been lauded as a model for combating fraud nationwide. In his various leadership capacities, Reyes has a diversity of leadership experience in the boardroom such as advising the White House to negotiating contracts with foreign heads of state.

Reyes' deep appreciation and love of Utah has led him to devote thousands of hours to community and non-profit organizations and underserved individuals. As an example, he supervised thousands of volunteers over a three-year period who taught English classes to tens of thousands of immigrants from all over the world. Reyes speaks frequently at schools from the

elementary level to higher education and even juvenile detention facilities to promote education, self-responsibility and self-reliance.

Political Service at All Levels

In addition to his legal career and volunteer service, Reyes has been very involved in Utah politics. He has served as a county, state and national delegate for the Republican Party and a member of the State Central Committee (the governing body of the Utah Republican Party). He served several terms as a leader in his local precinct and was appointed by Governor John M. Huntsman and re-appointed by Governor Gary R. Herbert to serve as one of the youngest members of the prestigious Third District Judicial Nominating Commission. He spent several years on a National Congressional Commission started by President George W. Bush. Appointed by Congress and the president of the United States, Reyes conducted public hearings throughout the country to advise the Administration and Congress on Latino issues, including a National Museum of the American Latino.

Family Matters

Reyes and his wife, Saysha, currently live in Cottonwood Heights and are the proud parents of six children between the ages of 4 and 16. In his free time, he enjoys playing morning basketball, coaching his kids in youth football, baseball, basketball, volleyball and soccer, taking walks or doing anything with Saysha, watching Sports Center, attending and speaking at Comic Cons, as well as cooking, shooting guns and watching mixed martial arts (now that his fighting days are over).

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