

Biography of

The Honorable Keith Ellison Attorney General of the State of Minnesota

Keith Ellison has represented Minnesotans at the state and national level for the past 24 years. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he spent 16 years as an attorney specializing in civil-rights and defense law, including five years as executive director of the Legal Rights Center. He was elected to and served as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2002 through 2006 when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives.

During his 12 years in Congress, he championed consumer, worker, environmental, and civil- and human-rights protections. His legislative accomplishments include the passing of laws to protect credit-card holders from abusive practices and protect the rights of renters and tenants. While in Congress, he also founded the Congressional Antitrust Caucus, and served on the Congressional Consumer Justice Caucus, the Committee on Financial Services, the Judiciary Committee, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Keith Ellison was elected as Minnesota's Attorney General in November 2018 and has served in the role since January 2019. He is the first African American and the first Muslim American to be elected to statewide office in Minnesota. As the People's lawyer, Attorney General Ellison serves as Minnesota's chief legal officer. His office provides legal representation to over 100 state agencies, boards, and commissions and represents the State of Minnesota in state and federal court and administrative hearings. He also advocates for Minnesota's families, small businesses, and citizens.

Keith Ellison's mission as Attorney General is to help Minnesotans afford their lives and live with dignity, safety, and respect. During his tenure, Attorney General Ellison took on big pharma and won \$35 insulin for all Minnesotans, sued big tobacco for pushing vaping on young Minnesotans and won the largest per capita settlement of any state from Juul, and reformed Minnesota's medical debt system to end the cruel practice of automatically transferring the medical debt of someone who passed away to their spouse. He has also taken on debt relief scammers, fraudulent

contractors, wage thieves, social media companies preying on young people, and more.

Attorney General Ellison and his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit have won over 300 convictions for Medicaid fraud and won back over \$80 million in recoveries and restitution from those fraudsters. Last year, AG Ellison's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit ranked sixth in investigations per Medicaid expenditure, fifth in fraud charges, and eight in fraud convictions in the entire country. Further, Ellison's MFCU ranks fifth in fraud convictions in the entire country over the last six years on average. That's a long-running track record of success for his team.

Attorney General Ellison successfully championed legislation to expand his office's Criminal Division to give his team more resources to prosecute violent crime, and he is currently leading a bipartisan push to invest more resources in and give stronger tools to his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.