

Keith Ellison | Curriculum Vitae

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Experience

Attorney General — State of Minnesota

2019 - Present

- Elected as Minnesota's 30th Attorney General on January 7, 2019. First African-American and the first Muslim American to be elected to statewide office in Minnesota.
- Lead prosecutor in the matter of the May 2020 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and led the team that successfully convicted former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin on a charge of second-degree unintentional murder, which resulted in the longest sentence of any police officer for killing a civilian while on duty in Minnesota.
- Led the team that successfully prosecuted former Brooklyn Center police officer Kimberly Potter on a charge of first-and-second degree manslaughter in the matter of the April 2021 death of Daunte Wright.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, Attorney General Ellison enforced executive orders barring evictions and price-gouging, and successfully defended the constitutionality of pandemic-related executive orders in court.
- Reached historic national settlement with opioid manufacturers.
- Started the first statewide Conviction Review Unit in Minnesota after winning a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Justice.
- Created a Wage Theft Unit in the Attorney General's Office that has recovered over \$230,000 in unpaid wages in one year.

US Representative MN Congressional District 5 — United States House of

2006 - 2019

Representatives

- Elected to the US House of Representatives in 2006. The first Muslim American ever elected to the United States Congress.
- Championed consumer, worker, environmental, and civil- and human-rights protections for Minnesotans.
- Served for 12 years on the House Financial Services Committee, where he helped oversee the financial services industry, the housing industry, and Wall Street, among others. Among his legislative accomplishments are passing provisions to protect credit-card holders from abusive practices and protect the rights of renters and tenants.

- Founded the Congressional Antitrust Caucus and the Congressional Consumer Justice Caucus. Also served as co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and helped build to more than 100 members.

State Representative District 58B — Minnesota House of Representatives

2002-2006

- First term: served on the Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs Policy Committee, the Judiciary Policy & Finance Committee and the Local Government & Metropolitan Affairs Committee.
- Second term: served on the Civil Law & Elections Committee and the Public Safety Policy & Finance Committee.

Education

University of Minnesota Law School - 1990

JD – Juris Doctor

Wayne State University - 1986

BS – Economics

Awards & Recognition

- 2022 Top Workplace USA
- 2021 Top Workplace Star Tribune
- 2021 Center for Victims of Torture Eclipse Award
- 2021 Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law The Legacy of Justice Award
- 2021 John Lewis Justice Award
- 2021 Outstanding Service to the Profession Award from MinnLawyer
- 2021 Outstanding and Courageous Leadership Award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association
- 2021 Consumer Champion Award from Consumer Federation of America
- 2021 Profiles in Courage Award from Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
- 2020 Diversity and Inclusion Award from MinnLawyer
- 2020 Notable Documents Award from the National Conference of State Legislators for landmark report on Reducing Lowering Pharmaceutical Drug Prices

Media Appearances (select)

TV

- [60 minutes](#)
- CNN (Don Lemon, Anderson Cooper, Wolf Blitzer)
 - [Don Lemon](#)
 - [Anderson Cooper](#)
 - [Wolf Blitzer](#)
- MSNBC (Rachael Maddow, Chuck Todd, Joy Reid, etc.)
 - [Rachel Maddow](#)
 - [Chuck Todd](#)
 - [Joy Reid](#)
 - [Ali Velshi](#)
 - [Jonathan Capehart](#)
- [Good Morning America](#)
- [ABC This Week \(George Stephanopoulos\)](#)
- [The Today Show](#)
- ESPN: [First Take w/ Stephen A. Smith](#)
- Netflix: [Patriot Act with Hassan Minhaj](#)
- [Aljazeera](#)
- [Vice News](#)

Print

- [Washington Post Opinion](#)
- [USA Today Opinion](#)
- [NY Times Profile](#)
- [Star Tribune Opinion](#)

Radio + Podcast

- [NPR](#)
- [Democracy Now!](#)
- [Reveal Podcast](#)

Published Work

- Break The Wheel: Ending The Cycle of Police Violence (May 2023)
- Georgetown School of Law, The Annual Review of Criminal Procedure, The Death of George Floyd, the Trial of Derek Chauvin, and Deadly-Force Encounters with Police: Have we finally reached an inflection point? Or will the cycle of inaction continue? (October 2021)
- [Washington Post: Opinion: Derek Chauvin is going to prison. Let this be a turning point. \(June 2021\)](#)
- [USA Today: Stand together to fight anti-Asian hate. We all have a stake in a more inclusive America. \(March 2021\)](#)
- My Country, 'Tis of Thee: My Faith, My Family, Our Future (January 2014)