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### EDUCATION

**Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT  
J.D., June 1995 (Notes Development Editor, *Yale Law Journal*)

**Marshall Scholar**,  
**Oxford University** (Brasenose College), England  
D.Phil. in Politics, July 1992  
M.Phil. in Politics, July 1990  
(Doctoral Dissertation on the impact of frequent referendums on the Swiss political system)

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
B.A. in Government, June 1988, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa (graduated first in class in Government Department)

### EXPERIENCE

2011-Present

**Kansas Secretary of State**  
*Elected 2010. Reelected 2014.*  
Personally represents the State of Kansas in multiple election-related cases in federal and state court, including *Kobach v. Election Assistance Commission*, 2014 U.S. App. LEXIS 22400 (10th Cir. 2014), *cert. pending*.  
Authored the Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act, making Kansas the first State in the Union to combine: (1) photo ID requirements at the polls, (2) equivalent security for mailed ballots, and (3) proof of citizenship at the time of registration.

2004-Present

**Kobach Law, LLC**  
*Nationwide litigation practice in the fields of immigration law, federal preemption, and constitutional law.*  
Represents States, cities, ICE agents, and other parties in complex litigation intended to bring about greater enforcement of immigration laws, to protect the rights of U.S. citizens, and to protect the interest of federal law enforcement officers. Co-author of Arizona's SB 1070 (2010), the Legal Arizona Workers Act (2007), Alabama's HB 56 (2011), and many other state laws designed to deter illegal immigration.

1996-2011

**University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law**  
*Professor of Law (Associate Professor 1996-2000)*  
Subjects of teaching/research: Constitutional Law, Immigration Law, Legislation, American Legal History.

2003-2004

**Candidate for Congress**,  
*Kansas 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District*  
Won the Republican primary election in August 2004. Defeated in the November 2004 general election by incumbent Democrat.

- 2002-2003**                    **U.S. Department of Justice**  
*Counsel to the Attorney General*  
 Served as the Attorney General's chief legal and policy advisor on immigration law, border security, and the immigration court system.
- 2001-2002**                    **White House Fellow**  
*Office of the U.S. Attorney General*
- 1999-2001**                    **City of Overland Park, Kansas**  
*City Council Member*
- 1995-1996**                    **Chambers of Judge Deanell Tacha, US Court of Appeals, 10th Cir.**  
*Judicial Clerk*

**PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS**

Kris W. Kobach, *THE REFERENDUM: DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN SWITZERLAND* (Aldershot, Eng.: Dartmouth, 1993).

Kris W. Kobach, *POLITICAL CAPITAL: THE MOTIVES, TACTICS, AND GOALS OF POLITICIZED BUSINESSES IN SOUTH AFRICA* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1990).

Chapter in multiple-author book: Kris W. Kobach, *Referendums and Plebiscites*, in *GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD: A GLOBAL GUIDE TO CITIZENS'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES*, Encyclopedia (Farmington Hills, MI: Thomas Gale Publishing, 2005)

Chapter in multiple-author book: Kris W. Kobach, *Taking Shelter Behind the First Amendment: The Defense of the Popular Initiative*, in *THE BATTLE OVER CITIZEN LAWMAKING* (M. Dane Waters, ed.) (Carolina Academic Press, 2001).

Chapter in multiple-author book: Kris W. Kobach, *Lessons Learned in the Participation Game*, in *DIRECT DEMOCRACY: THE EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE* (Andreas Auer & Michael Butzer, eds.) (London: Ashgate, 2001).

Chapter in multiple-author book: Kris W. Kobach, *Switzerland*, in *REFERENDUMS AROUND THE WORLD* (David Butler and Austin Ranney, eds.) (Washington: American Enterprise Institute, 1994).

**PUBLICATIONS: SCHOLARLY ARTICLES**

Kris W. Kobach, *Fact or Fiction?: Setting the Record Straight on S.B. 1070*, 23 *REGENT U. L. REV.* 353 (2011).

Kris W. Kobach, *Arizona's S.B. 1070 Explained*, 79 *UMKC L. REV.* 815 (2011).

Kris W. Kobach and John D. Ashcroft, *A More Perfect System: The 2002 Reforms of the Board of Immigration Appeals*, 58 *DUKE LAW J.* 1991 (2009).

Kris W. Kobach, *Administrative Law: Immigration, Amnesty, and the Rule of Law*, 36 *HOFSTRA LAW REV.* 1323 (2008).

Kris W. Kobach, *Reinforcing the Rule of Law: What States Can and Should do to Reduce Illegal Immigration*, 22 GEORGETOWN IMMIGRATION LAW J. 459 (2008).

Kris W. Kobach, *Attrition Through Enforcement: A Rational Approach to Illegal Immigration*, 15 TULSA J. OF COMP. & INT'L LAW 155 (2008).

Kris W. Kobach, *Immigration Nullification: In-State Tuition and Lawmakers Who Disregard the Law*, 10 N.Y.U. J. OF LEGIS. AND PUB. POL'Y (2007).

Kris W. Kobach, *Time to Wake up From the DREAM Act*, HERITAGE FOUNDATION (Sept. 13, 2007).

Kris W. Kobach, *The Senate Amnesty Bill: A Muddled Legal Morass*, HERITAGE FOUNDATION (June 26, 2007).

Kris W. Kobach, *The Senate Immigration Bill: A National Security Nightmare*, HERITAGE FOUNDATION (June 19, 2007).

Kris W. Kobach, *Rewarding Illegal Aliens: Senate Bill Undermines The Rule of Law*, HERITAGE FOUNDATION (May 23, 2007).

Kris W. Kobach, *The Quintessential Force Multiplier: The Inherent Authority of Local Police to Make Immigration Arrests*, 69 ALBANY L. REV. 179 (2006).

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Kris W. Kobach, *State and Local Authority to Enforce Immigration Law: A Unified Approach for Stopping Terrorists*, CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES BACKGROUNDER (June 2004)

Kris W. Kobach, *May "We the People" Speak? The Forgotten Role of Constituent Instructions in Amending the Constitution*, 33 U. CAL. DAVIS L. REV. 1 (1999).

Kris W. Kobach, *Contingency Fees May Be Hazardous to Your Health: A Constitutional Analysis of Congressional Interference with Tobacco Litigation Contracts*, 49 S.C. L. REV. 215 (1998).

Kris W. Kobach, *Justice Stephen Field and the Pitfalls of Court Caricature*, APP. PRAC. J., Winter 1998, at 5 (book review).

Kris W. Kobach, *The Origins of Regulatory Takings: Setting the Record Straight*, 1996 UTAH L.REV. 1211 (1997).

Kris W. Kobach, *Spurn thy Neighbor: Direct Democracy and Swiss Isolationism*, WEST EUROPEAN POLITICS, Vol. 20, No. 3, at 185 (1997).

Kris W. Kobach, Note, *Rethinking Article V: Term Limits and the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Amendments*, 103 YALE L.J. 971 (1994).

Kris W. Kobach, *Recent Developments in Swiss Direct Democracy*, 12 ELECT. STUD. 342 (1993).