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Seth P. Waxman, 41st Solicitor General



Seth P. Waxman was the 41st Solicitor General of the United States. He was nominated by President Clinton on September 19, 1997, and confirmed by the United States Senate on November 9, 1997. He received his commission and took the oath of office on November 13, 1997, serving as Solicitor General until January 20, 2001.

Mr. Waxman is a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and graduated from the area's public schools. He received his bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* from Harvard College in 1973 and was a Rockefeller Fellow in Kenya during the following year. In 1977 Mr. Waxman received his law degree from Yale Law School, where he served as Managing Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Following graduation, Mr. Waxman served as a law clerk to the late Gerhard A. Gesell, United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Thereafter, he entered the private practice of law with the firm of Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, where he specialized in complex criminal, civil, and appellate litigation. Mr. Waxman has received substantial recognition for his pro bono work, including the American Bar Association's *Pro Bono Publico* award and the Anti-Defamation League's Benjamin J. Cardozo Certificate of Merit.

Mr. Waxman joined the Department of Justice in May 1994. Prior to being appointed Solicitor General, he served in a number of other positions in the Department of Justice, including Acting Solicitor General, Acting Deputy Attorney General, Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and Associate Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Waxman has long been active in Bar, community, and school organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the ABA's Standing Committee on Professionalism, a current and past *ex officio* member of several

committees of the Judicial Conference of the United States, an *ex officio* member of the American Law Institute, and a member of the Visiting Committee for Harvard College.

Mr. Waxman is married with three children, and makes his home in the District of Columbia.

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