



## LISA MADIGAN

### Attorney General

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Lisa Madigan (Democrat) was elected to a fourth term as Illinois Attorney General on Nov. 4, 2014. She is the senior most female Attorney General in the country and the longest serving Attorney General in Illinois history.

Recognized for her leadership and integrity, Lisa Madigan has brought a high level of activism to the Office of Attorney General. From her first days in office, she has demonstrated principled leadership, putting policy before politics and focusing her work as the state's top legal advocate on protecting the people and communities of Illinois.

Under Madigan's direction, her office has collected more than \$12 billion for the state.

Madigan's Consumer Protection Division has established a national reputation for aggressively safeguarding consumers from financial fraud and discriminatory lending in mortgage, student and payday lending. Madigan filed a lawsuit against student loan servicer Navient, formerly Sallie Mae, alleging rampant student loan abuse. She was also a lead negotiator in the \$25 billion National Mortgage Settlement with the nation's largest banks. Overall, she has taken legal action that has delivered more than \$3 billion in relief for Illinois homeowners, communities and pension funds.

The Attorney General's efforts to protect women, children and seniors have also garnered national attention. She has advocated for stronger laws to protect women and children from sexual violence and ushered a bill through the Illinois Legislature that made the state the first in the country to mandate testing sexual assault evidence kits. The Attorney General also leads a statewide task force to investigate online child exploitation, and she has championed tougher sanctions against sexual predators. Madigan also has increased protections for nursing home residents.

Madigan created the first-ever Public Access Counselor and strengthened the state's sunshine laws, and in her continued efforts to crack down on public corruption and government misconduct, Madigan created a Public Integrity Unit to investigate fraud, waste and abuse.

Attorney General Madigan has successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. She regularly testifies before Congress on issues such as mortgage and student lending, data breaches and data security, the national rape kit testing backlog and consumer issues including telephone bill cramming, unsafe children's products and natural gas pricing. The U.S. State Department appointed her to serve on the U.S. delegation before the United Nations Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review to discuss state-level human rights issues.

Before serving as Attorney General, Madigan served in the Illinois Senate and worked as a litigator for a Chicago law firm. Prior to becoming an attorney, she worked as a teacher and community advocate, developing after-school programs to help kids stay away from drugs and gangs. Madigan also volunteered as a high school teacher in South Africa during apartheid.

Madigan earned a bachelor's from Georgetown University and her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She and her husband, Pat Byrnes, have two daughters.

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