



KWAME RAOUL

Attorney General

Kwame Raoul (Democrat) was sworn in as the 42nd Attorney General of Illinois in January 2019. Born in Chicago to Haitian immigrants, Raoul brings a lifetime of public service and legal and policy experience to the Office of the Attorney General. As the state’s chief legal and law enforcement officer, Attorney General Raoul has demonstrated a commitment to protecting Illinois residents by leading the “people’s law firm.”

In the first two years of his administration, Attorney General Raoul improved Illinois’ Crime Victims Compensation Program by ensuring that the process is trauma-informed, by implementing efficiencies in the application process, and by increasing awareness of the program through outreach to communities across the state that are affected by violence. He also increased the funding for grants under the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program.

In addition, Raoul fostered law enforcement partnerships that engage in joint enforcement efforts to keep firearms out of the hands of dangerous individuals, participate in threat assessment trainings for law enforcement and school personnel, and uphold the integrity of public offices across the state. He has also taken a leadership role in addressing the unique, multi-jurisdictional issues that arose during the COVID-19 pandemic by forming a task force made up of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat widespread unemployment insurance benefits fraud.

Raoul protects children from online predators through his team of prosecutors, investigators, computer forensic analysts and internet safety specialists who make up the office’s High-Tech Crimes Bureau. He also leads the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which engages in joint investigations and prosecutions to combat technology-based crimes that victimize children.

Attorney General Raoul has protected the rights of working people in Illinois by spearheading legislation that formalized a Worker Protection Unit in the Attorney General’s office and granted the office clear authority to enforce worker protection laws. During the pandemic, Raoul’s office responded to thousands of complaints related to workplace safety.

Attorney General Raoul has built on the office’s long history as leading a consumer protection advocate by partnering with federal, state and local law enforcement to stop bad actors who prey on Illinois residents. He prioritized efforts to hold accountable industries that manufacture and sell products which threaten consumers’ health and safety, such as opioids and e-cigarettes. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Attorney General’s office handled thousands of complaints from consumers about price gouging and other COVID-19- related scams.

Before he was elected as Attorney General in November 2018, Raoul spent 14 years serving as a state Senator representing the 13th district. As a Senator, Raoul led negotiations on and sponsored a number of significant laws, including the abolishment of the death penalty, mandatory background checks on private transfers of guns, law enforcement and criminal justice reform, workers’ compensation reform, and some of the strongest voting rights protections in the nation.

Attorney General Raoul is a graduate of DePaul University and earned his law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He is married to Dr. Lisa Moore, and the couple are the parents of four children: Che, Mizan, John and Madison.

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