



Biography of Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter was born in Lafayette, Indiana and grew up on his family's farm in south Lake County in Northwest Indiana.

Carter was first elected Attorney general in 2000 and was sworn in to serve a second consecutive term on January 10, 2005. When re-elected, Steve received more votes in 2004 than anyone who has sought an office in Indiana state government's 189 year history.

Carter is a leader among his colleagues, having served as President of the National Association of Attorneys General. He now chairs an Executive Working Group of six U.S. Attorneys, six state attorneys general, and six local prosecutors that meet at the United States Department of Justice to advise the U.S. Attorney General on criminal justice matters.

As an advocate for personal privacy, Carter administers the nation's strongest Do Not Call law which currently benefits more than 3.7 million Indiana citizens desiring to stop unwanted telemarketing calls. Enforcement of the law has resulted in more than \$600,000 in penalties being assessed against more than 200 telemarketers alleged to have violated the privacy of people listed on the registry.

Since taking office, Carter has increased the amount of lost and forgotten assets to their rightful owners by eight-fold. More than \$54 million in unclaimed property was returned in 2006 alone.

He has taken an active role in fighting public corruption in Indiana which has included:

Initiating a massive vote fraud investigation in Lake County that has resulted in felony convictions against more than 40 people;

Filing the first civil RICO action naming a city government as a corrupt enterprise; and

Successfully arguing before the Indiana Supreme Court to order an unprecedented do-over in the 2003 East Chicago, Indiana primary election.

Graduating with honors from Harvard University, Carter received his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He earned a J.D. and an M.B.A. from Indiana University graduate Schools of Law and Business.

He has served as Chief City County attorney for the city of Indianapolis, Legislative Counsel for the Indiana State Senate, and the Agricultural Assistant and Chief of Staff to the Indiana Lieutenant Governor.