

## Derek Schmidt

A native of Independence, Kansas, Derek Schmidt was the 44th attorney general for the State of Kansas. Before being elected attorney general, Schmidt served 10 years as a Kansas state senator, representing a rural district in Southeast Kansas. As Kansas attorney general, Schmidt made it his mission to serve and protect Kansans - especially the most vulnerable.

He stopped scam artists and abusers from preying on seniors, prosecuted an unprecedented number of crimes against children, and sued companies whose marketing, sales and distribution practices fueled opioid addiction.

The more than \$1.5 billion his administration recovered for Kansas consumers and taxpayers is more than all previous Kansas attorneys general combined. Under his leadership, the Kansas attorney general's office presented oral argument in eight U.S. Supreme Court cases - and won them all. Schmidt personally and successfully argued three Kansas cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Schmidt is now a partner at Husch Blackwell, LLP, an AmLaw 100 firm, where he represents clients nationwide. Schmidt and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of two daughters.