

Biography of Attorney General Josh Shapiro

Josh Shapiro serves as Pennsylvania's Attorney General to represent victims of crime and abuse; defend individual rights; and hold the most powerful interests accountable to the law when they rip off or harm Pennsylvanians.

The son of a public school teacher and a pediatrician, Josh grew up seeing how compassion and serving others can change lives and strengthen an entire community. After earning his law degree at night from Georgetown, Josh and his high school sweetheart Lori returned to their hometown where they are raising their four children.

Throughout his career in public service, Josh has been unafraid to challenge the status quo and win big fights that improve the lives of Pennsylvanians.

As Attorney General, he preserved patients' access to healthcare by taking on the largest healthcare companies in Pennsylvania; exposed a decades-long cover up of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church; and has returned over \$200 million dollars in financial and non-monetary relief to student loan borrowers, seniors, small business and consumers.

Josh knows that we must enforce the rules, even on the most powerful and well-connected, for our economy to deliver for everyday Pennsylvanians, and that inequality hurts us all by denying too many people their shot at success.

Currently in his second term, Josh fulfilled a mandate to modernize the Attorney General's office and meet its promise to be the people's law firm. His leadership forced action to take on the climate crisis and held polluters accountable; defended voting rights; and protected women's access to contraception.

As Attorney General Josh is directing an urgent, across-the-board fight against the big drug companies and trafficking rings that fuel the heroin and opioid epidemic, including more treatment for those suffering from addiction. He is tackling the scourge of gun violence across Pennsylvania and is committed to improving trust in the justice system with a comprehensive integrity agenda, a more diverse workforce, and smart-on-crime criminal justice reforms.

As Chairman of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners Josh led an historic fiscal turnaround, helped the first LGBT couples in Pennsylvania marry and fired Wall Street money managers to protect pensions and save retirees millions. As State Representative for Pennsylvania's 153rd House District he passed some of the toughest ethics laws in state history.