

JOHN R. KROGER

John Kroger is the Attorney General of Oregon. John has devoted his entire life to public service as a United States Marine, federal prosecutor, public policy expert, and teacher. John was elected Attorney General in November 2008 after winning the nominations of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

As a federal criminal prosecutor, John won major cases against mafia killers, drug kingpins and corrupt government officials. He was a member of the Enron Task Force and helped prosecute crooked Enron executives and served on the emergency response team after the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. In recognition of his work, John won awards and commendations from the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the State Department. In 1999, John received the Director's Award for Outstanding Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney from Attorney General Janet Reno for convicting two mafia captains of committing multiple murders. John wrote about his experiences as a prosecutor in his book Convictions, published in 2008.

Following his career as a prosecutor, John taught criminal law and legal philosophy at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. During his years as a professor, John won Lewis & Clark's Levenson Award for Teaching Excellence three times.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy from Yale University and his law degree with honors from Harvard Law School.

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Education

Harvard Law School

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996
Mark DeWolfe Howe Fellow in Anglo-American Legal History
Kaufman Public Interest Law Fellow

Yale University

M.A. in Philosophy, 1990

Yale College

B.A. with Distinction in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, 1990
Harry S. Truman Scholar
National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholar
Thesis: "Being as Primordial Temporality in Heidegger's *Sein und Zeit*"

Experience

Attorney General of the State of Oregon

Currently serving as Oregon's top law enforcement officer and leader of Oregon's Department of Justice, which employs more than 1200 attorneys, investigators, and staff, and has biennial budget of more than \$400 million. Priorities include fighting crime, aggressively enforcing environmental laws, and protecting consumers. Elected in November 2008 after winning the nominations of both the Democratic and Republican parties and carrying all 36 of Oregon's counties. (2009 – present)

Enron Task Force, United States Department of Justice, Trial Attorney

Supervised grand jury investigation of Enron Corp's telecommunications division, resulting in the indictment of CEO Jeff Skilling and seven other Enron executives. Assisted with investigations of Enron Chairman Ken Lay and Enron's manipulation of the California energy market. (2002 – 2003)

Lewis and Clark Law School, Associate Professor

Designed and taught law school courses on criminal law and jurisprudence. Received Levenson Award for Teaching Excellence in 2004, 2007, and 2008. On leave during the 2002-2003 academic year to serve on Enron Task Force. (2002 – 2008)

United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, Assistant U.S. Attorney

Lead counsel in more than 200 federal criminal cases involving racketeering, violent crimes, narcotics trafficking, public corruption, and white collar offenses. Assisted with emergency criminal investigations of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack and crash of American Airlines Flight 587. Served as lead or co-counsel in United States v. Persico (boss of organized crime family convicted of racketeering); United States v. Scarpa (*capo* in organized crime family convicted of racketeering and four counts of conspiracy to commit murder after five-week jury trial); United States v. Rodriguez (manager of international narcotics ring convicted of shipping over one ton of cocaine from Mexico to New York after five-week jury trial); and United States v. Martinez (prison manager convicted of accepting bribes from organized crime members after three-week jury trial). Briefed and argued ten appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Received Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney and three Special Act Awards. (1997 – 2001)

Hon. Judge Anthony Scirica, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Judicial Clerk

Assisted federal appellate judge in adjudication of appeals. Responsibilities included analysis of incoming cases, writing bench memoranda, and drafting opinions. (1996 – 1997)

U.S. Department of Treasury, Senior Policy Analyst

Advised senior Treasury officials on economic, budget, and finance policy. Helped develop Clinton administration initiatives on community development banks, interstate banking, and bank regulatory relief. Wrote speeches for Secretary Bentsen and Deputy Secretary Altman. (1993)

Clinton/Gore Presidential Transition, Senior Domestic Policy Adviser

Directed 20-person task force on "reinventing government" that developed proposals to create the National Performance Review, reduced the federal work force, and cut administrative costs. Advised the President-elect on budget, crime, urban policy, and education issues. Supervised legal team that drafted executive orders on crime and government reform. (November 1992 – February 1993)

Clinton/Gore '92, Deputy Policy Director

Wrote approximately 300 memoranda on politics and policy. Advised the candidates on economics, crime, the environment, government reform, urban development, and agriculture. Wrote speeches and position papers. Drafted outline for 1992 Democratic Party platform. Traveled with Senator Gore as policy adviser and speech writer. Advised Senator Gore on debate strategy. (1991 – 1992)

Speaker of the House Thomas Foley, Legislative Assistant

Advised the Speaker on domestic policy and legislative strategy. Served as the Speaker's liaison to Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, and Public Works Committees. (1991)

U.S. Representative Charles Schumer, Legislative Assistant

Advised Congressman on pending legislation. Conceived and drafted legislation passed by the House concerning trade in financial services, U.S./Japan defense arrangements, cable television regulation, NASA contracting reform, and the accounting and public reporting of costs and allied burden-sharing associated with Operation Desert Storm. Supervised constituent mail operation. (1990 – 1991)

Military Service

United States Marine Corps, Non-Commissioned Officer

Served in Marine Reconnaissance, an intelligence-gathering and special operations unit. Awards included Marine of the Quarter, Meritorious Mast, Good Conduct Medal. Honorably Discharged. (1983 – 1986)

Bar Membership

Oregon, admitted December 19, 2007

Connecticut, admitted January 5, 1997

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, admitted July 21, 1997

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, admitted July 14, 1999

Books

Convictions: A Prosecutor's Battles against Mafia Killers, Drug Kingpins, and Enron Thieves
Farrar, Straus, and Giroux (2008).

Articles

Remarks: Enron and Multi-Jurisdictional Fraud
28 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 1657 (2007).

Enron, Fraud and Securities Reform: An Enron Prosecutor's Perspective
76 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW REVIEW 57 (2005).

The Philosophical Foundations of Roman Law: Aristotle, The Stoics, and Roman Theories of Natural Law
2004 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 905 (2004).

Supreme Court Equity, 1789 - 1835, and the History of American Judging
34 HOUSTON LAW REVIEW 1425 (1998).

The Confrontation Waiver Rule
76 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 835 (1996).

The Politics of Crime (Co-authored)
33 HARVARD JOURNAL ON LEGISLATION 527 (1996).

Opinion

A Strike at the Heart of our Justice System
The Oregonian, March 23, 2007.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act: No Time to Weaken Corporate Oversight
The Oregonian, November 28, 2006.

Bench Brawl
Salon.Com, October 31, 2005.

More Than a Body Blow
Salon.Com, October 29, 2005.

Oregon's Gang Problem: Call in the Feds
The Oregonian, September 2, 2005.