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A case to compel the National Archivist to carry out his statutory duty to publish, with his certificate, the 28th Amendment (Equal Rights) in the U.S. Constitution.

Discussion to include the future of American law once the 28th Amendment is enforceable.

FEATURED PANELISTS

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Attorney General of Nevada

MARK HERRING

Attorney General of Virginia

MICHELLE KALLEN

Deputy Solicitor General of Virginia

KWAME RAOUL

Attorney General of Illinois



LINDA COBERLY

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Linda Coberly chairs Winston & Strawn’s Appellate & Critical Motions Practice and serves as managing partner of the firm’s oldest and largest office. She also serves on the firm’s global Executive Committee. She has argued more than 50 appeals—spanning eight different federal circuits, as well as state appellate and supreme courts across the country—and has served as “appellate lawyer at trial” in courts on both coasts. She provides advice on strategic legal issues at all stages of litigation, from before trial to the U.S. Supreme Court, informed by her time as a clerk for Justice Stephen G. Breyer.

Linda serves as chair of the Legal Task Force of the ERA Coalition. She played a role in securing ratification in her home state of Illinois—which ratified in 2018, becoming the 37th state—and now works with the Coalition on a national level to ensure proper recognition of the ERA, whether through litigation or legislation in Congress. She leads Winston & Strawn’s pro bono efforts to advance the ERA, and she speaks and writes widely on legal issues relating to ratification. She recently filed an amicus brief on behalf of more than 50 organizations in the women’s movement—including NOW, the Feminist Majority, the National Congress of Black Women, and TIME’S UP—in support of the lawsuit brought by the Attorneys General of the last three ratifying states.

Linda serves on the boards of the United Way of Metro Chicago and Heartland Alliance (the Midwest’s largest human rights and anti-poverty organization) and is also a Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Chicago’s Goodman Theater. She received an A.B. from Princeton and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.





AARON FORD

Attorney General of Nevada

Before being elected Nevada's Attorney General, Aaron Ford served as the Majority Leader of the Nevada State Senate. He has been the Minority Leader, Assistant Majority Whip, and he has previously served as chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, vice chair of the Senate Committee on Education, and a member of the Judiciary Committee. He was recognized as best Senate Freshman by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Rookie of the Year by the Reno Gazette Journal, and Senator of the Year by both Help Animals Nevada and the Nevada Conservation League for his work during the 2013 Nevada Legislative session.

General Ford earned his B.A. from Texas A&M University in Interdisciplinary Studies and earned his M.A. in International Education from George Washington University. He also earned an M.A. in Educational Administration, as well as his law degree and Ph.D. in Educational Administration from The Ohio State University.

Before practicing law, General Ford served as a public school math teacher. He later clerked for the Honorable Denise Page Hood of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and the Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He spent many years in private practice as a Partner at Snell & Wilmer, LLP and later as Partner at Eglet Prince in Las Vegas.

General Ford married his college sweetheart, Berna Rhodes-Ford, who is also an attorney. Together, they raised four children, Avery, Devin, Aaron II, and Alexander.





MARK HERRING

Attorney General of Virginia

Mark became the 48th Attorney General of Virginia on January 11, 2014. He is working to keep Virginia families safe in their communities and neighborhoods, promote justice, equality, and opportunity for all Virginians, and provide legal services to the people of Virginia and their government.

Mark has lived most of his life in Loudoun County. After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia, he graduated with honors from the University of Richmond School of Law before returning to Loudoun and establishing a successful law practice in Leesburg. Mark got his start in public service as the town attorney for Lovettsville, and then was elected as a member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

Prior to serving as Attorney General, he served eight years in the Senate of Virginia, representing parts of Loudoun and Fairfax Counties, working to bring technology-based economic development to the Northern Virginia region, secure transportation funding for needed projects, and make both state and local governments more accountable to the citizens of Virginia.

He and his wife, Laura, have been married for more than 25 years. They have raised their two children in college, daughter Peyton and son Tim, in Loudoun County, where they are members of the Leesburg Presbyterian Church.





MICHELLE KALLEN

Deputy Solicitor General of Virginia

Michelle Kallen serves as Deputy Solicitor General in Virginia's Office of the Attorney General where she represents the Commonwealth in the Supreme Court of the United States, the Supreme Court of Virginia, and in federal circuit courts cases that call into question the constitutionality of a state statute or that bear on sensitive policies of the Commonwealth. Michelle serves as Virginia's lead counsel in *Virginia v. Ferriero*.

As Deputy Solicitor General, Michelle has served as Virginia's lead counsel in numerous high profile multistate cases, including the multistate challenge to the federal government's family separation policy, efforts to add a citizenship question to the census, and the pending challenge to changes to the immigration public charge rule. Recently, Michelle, along with her colleagues in the Office of the Solicitor General, has played a lead role in defending the Commonwealth in challenges to Virginia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before joining the Office of the Attorney General, Michelle spent seven years in private practice, most recently in the Washington, D.C. office of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Michelle clerked for the Honorable Jane B. Stranch on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and worked as a litigation associate in Simpson Thacher & Batlett's Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. offices. She holds a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and a J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School.





KWAME RAOUL

Attorney General of Illinois

Attorney General Kwame Raoul was sworn in as the 42nd Attorney General of Illinois in January 2019. Raoul was born in Chicago to Haitian immigrants and brings a lifetime of legal and policy experience, advocacy, and public service to the Office of the Attorney General.

Attorney General Raoul earned his undergraduate degree from DePaul University and his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He began his legal career as a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, handling matters at the trial and appellate level in the criminal, civil and juvenile divisions of the office. He subsequently served as a Senior Staff Attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago, handling primarily labor and employment matters. Raoul has also been a partner at two national law firms, serving in the health care and labor and employment practice groups.

In 2004, Attorney General Raoul was appointed to serve as the state senator representing the 13th Legislative District, where he was subsequently re-elected on multiple occasions to represent the district over the last 14 years. As a legislator and an attorney, Attorney General Raoul has been dedicated to working towards criminal justice reform in Illinois. Raoul has been recognized for his work on behalf of survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, which includes passage of the Safe Homes Act and the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights. He was a leader in expanding Illinois Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act and is known for his work in support of health care access.

Raoul is the father of two college students, Che and Mizan.

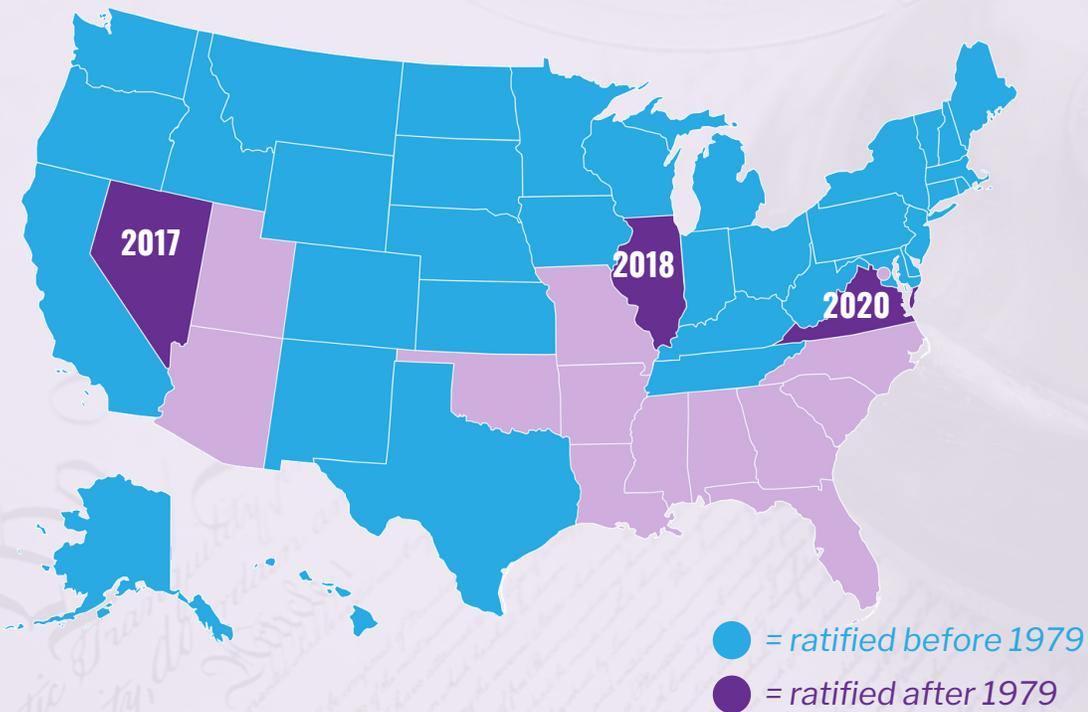




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Press releases of Attorneys General from
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["Why the time has finally come to ratify Equal Rights Amendment,"](#) Linda Coberly



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