ATTORNEY GENERAL
BILL SCHUETTE

Bill Schuette was elected as Michigan's 53rd Attorney General in November 2010 and took office January 1, 2011.

Bill has extensive experience in both federal and state government and has served Michigan in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government for three decades.

Bill Schuette's commitment to public service began in 1984 when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives.

At the age of 31, he was one of the youngest Congressmen in America. During his three terms in Congress, Schuette served on the House Budget Committee, the House Agriculture Committee and the Select Committee on Aging.

In 1990, Bill Schuette was Michigan's Republican candidate for the United States Senate.

In January of 1991, Bill was named Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. As a member of Governor John Engler's cabinet, his policy responsibilities were diverse, ranging from agribusiness export development to environmental stewardship initiatives for production agriculture.

When Bill was Director of Agriculture, his wife Cynthia and he created the Michigan Harvest Gathering, a food and fund drive to help feed hungry people throughout Michigan. Joining with the Food Bank Council of Michigan, the Michigan Harvest Gathering has raised more than $6.1 million and 7.8 million pounds of food for Michigan families over an 18-year period.

The Michigan Harvest Gathering has been recognized nationally for its innovative public-private partnership.

In 1994, Bill was elected to the Michigan Senate, representing Michigan's 35th Senate District. During his 8 years in the Senate, Bill served on the Judiciary Committee, the Technology and Energy Committee, and the Gaming and Casino Oversight Committee and was Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee.

In May of 2001, Bill was selected by President George W. Bush to be his Personal Representative to Australian-American Friendship Week. While in Australia on behalf of President Bush, Bill represented the United States in honoring American and Australian service men and women who fought and died during the battle of the Coral Sea, which was a strategic battle in the South Pacific during World War II.

In November of 2002, Bill Schuette was elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals and served for 6 years as one of 28 appellate judges in Michigan. Bill also served as Senior Counsel at the law firm of Warner, Norcross & Judd from 2009 to 2010.

Bill Schuette has been a member of various boards and organizations in his community and throughout Michigan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation and is a trustee of the Elsa U. Pardee Foundation. Bill is also a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

A native of Midland, Michigan, Bill Schuette graduated cum laude from Georgetown University in 1976, receiving a Bachelor of Science in the Foreign Service. He also studied at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Bill earned his law degree from the University of San Francisco in 1979. In 2005, Bill received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Northwood University.

Schuette and his wife, the former Cynthia Grebe, are the parents of Heidi and Billy.

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