

# Office of the Attorney General

Constitution, Article 6 § 1

**W.A. Drew Edmondson**, was elected attorney general in 1994, and has won reelection three times with more than 60 percent of the vote. He received more votes than any other candidate for any office on the statewide ballot in 2002.

Under his leadership, the attorney general's office has helped reform the death penalty appeals process, established victims' services, and vigorously represented rate payers in telephone, gas, and electric rate cases.



In 1996 Edmondson filed suit against the tobacco industry resulting in a \$2 billion settlement between the industry and Oklahoma, part of the largest settlement in the history of the world. He was one of eight attorneys general asked to serve on the negotiating team for the states.

Edmondson served as the 2002–2003 President of the National Association of Attorneys General, and in 2005 received the organization's highest honor: the Kelly-Wyman Award. During his tenure as president, Edmondson focused on the legal issues surrounding end-of-life health care. For his efforts, the American Medical Association honored him with the 2005 Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Public Service, the highest award the nation's largest physician organization can bestow upon a public official.

In 2005 Edmondson, on behalf of the State of Oklahoma, filed suit against more than a dozen poultry companies. The lawsuit, which was filed after years of negotiations, accuses the companies of polluting the Illinois River Watershed as a result of their waste dumping practices. Before his election as attorney general, Edmondson was elected, unopposed, to three consecutive terms as Muskogee County District Attorney in 1982, 1986, and 1990. He served as president of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association and was selected as Outstanding District Attorney for the State of Oklahoma in 1985 and the Outstanding Death Penalty Prosecutor in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> circuits.

Edmondson served one term in the Oklahoma Legislature before entering the University of Tulsa School of Law in 1976. Edmondson is a navy veteran with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Presbyterian Church, and the Democratic Party. Edmondson is married to Linda Larason, a medical social worker. They have two children: Mary, an attorney, and Robert, a college professor.

**Key Personnel**—Tom Gruber, First Assistant Attorney General; Charlie Price, Director of Communications

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**Qualifications**—The individual must be a U.S. citizen, at least thirty-one years old and qualified elector in state for ten years prior to election to office. State Constitution, Article 6, Section 3.

**Salary**—\$132,825 annually

**Personnel**: 182 unclassified employees