



### **TED CRUZ**

Ted Cruz serves as the Solicitor General of Texas. Appointed by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott in January 2003, he is the chief appellate lawyer for the State of Texas. Ted is the first Hispanic Solicitor General in Texas and, when appointed, was the youngest Solicitor General in the United States.

Ted has authored over fifty U.S. Supreme Court briefs and presented twenty-three oral arguments, including four in the U.S. Supreme Court. His representation of the State of Texas includes:

- 1) successfully defending the constitutionality of the Texas Ten Commandments monument before the Fifth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court;
- 2) authoring a U.S. Supreme Court brief for all fifty States successfully defending the Pledge of Allegiance;
- 3) serving as lead counsel for the State and successfully defending the multiple litigation challenges to the 2003 Texas congressional redistricting plan in district courts and before the U.S. Supreme Court;
- 4) successfully defending the constitutionality of the Texas Sexual Violent Predator Civil Commitment law;
- 5) arguing the school finance case before the Texas Supreme Court and winning a unanimous reversal of the trial court's ruling that the system violates the Education Clauses of Texas Constitution; and
- 6) successfully representing Texas before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case resisting efforts by the International Court of Justice to order reconsideration of U.S. death penalty jurisprudence.

For three consecutive years, he has won the Best Brief Award by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), for the best merits brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in 2003, 2004, and 2005. As a litigator, his lifetime record in decided cases that he has argued is 19 wins and 2 losses.

In addition, he currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Texas School of Law, where he teaches U.S. Supreme Court Litigation.

Ted previously served as the Director of the Office of Policy Planning for the Federal Trade Commission, as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, and as Department of Justice Coordinator for the Bush Transition Team. During the Florida presidential recount, he helped assemble the Bush legal team, devise legal strategy, and draft pleadings in the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts. From 1999 to 2000, Ted served as Domestic Policy Advisor to the Bush-Cheney campaign, advising President Bush on a wide range of policy matters, with primary responsibility for all legal policy, including Civil Justice, Criminal Justice, Political Process, Constitutional Law & Civil Rights, Immigration, Campaign Finance Reform, and Government Reform.

Ted currently serves on the Steering Committee of the Texas Review of Law & Politics, as a Director and Vice President of the Texas Lyceum, and as the Texas Chairman for Hispanic Alliance for Progress. He has appeared on over thirty national television programs, including the News Hour with Jim Lehrer, NBC News, Good Morning America, Fox News, CNN, and CNBC's Capital Report. He has been named by *Newsweek* magazine as one of 20 young Hispanic Americans on the rise, honored by Harvard Law School as a Traphagen Distinguished Alumnus, and twice named by *Hispanic Business Magazine* as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in America.

Ted is the son of a Cuban immigrant, was raised in Texas, and attended Princeton University and the Harvard Law School. At Princeton, he was Chairman of the University Undergraduate Council, U.S. National Speaker of the Year and Team of the Year in college debate, and the number-one ranked collegiate speaker in North America. At Harvard, he was a Primary Editor of the Harvard Law Review, an Executive Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, and a founding Editor of the Harvard Latino Law Review. He graduated Harvard *magna cum laude* and was named a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics. In 1995, he served as a law clerk to Judge J. Michael Luttig on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and in 1996 as a law clerk to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist on the Supreme Court of the United States. He is the only Hispanic in history to have clerked for the Chief Justice of the United States.