

## SAMUEL S. OLENS

Sam Olens was sworn in as Georgia's 53rd Attorney General on January 10, 2011.

As Attorney General, Olens is committed to serving Georgians by defending the United States and Georgia Constitutions and upholding the rule of law.

Olens has fought for stronger laws to protect Georgians. He has worked with our Governor and legislature to strengthen the penalties for sex trafficking and protect the victims, guide a comprehensive revision of Georgia's sunshine laws, and lead the effort to stem the epidemic of prescription drug abuse to include establishing a video contest for Georgia's high school students. Additionally, in cooperation with the Georgia Food Bank Association and Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, Olens established the Georgia Legal Food Frenzy, which has collected the equivalent of over five million pounds of food for Georgia's youth.

Olens currently is Vice President of the National Association of Attorneys General, having previously served as Chair of the 13-state Southern Region both in 2013 and 2015.

Prior to being elected Attorney General, Olens was Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, serving from August 2002 through March 2010, having previously served as a County Commissioner from 1999 through June 2002. Olens also served as chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission from December 2004 through 2009, and as Vice-Chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water District.

Olens is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, to include the 2015 Charles L. Weltner Freedom of Information Award, the 2013 Emory Law School Distinguished Alumni Award, the 2008 Tom Bradley Leadership Award by the National Association of Regional Councils and the 2007 "Excellence in Public Service Award" by the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute. Georgia Trend magazine has listed Olens as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" every year since 2005 and he is their 2016 Georgian of the Year. In 2011, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce honored Olens for his dedication to community and philanthropic service by naming their annual community service award the "Sam Olens Business Community Service Award."

Olens graduated from the Emory University School of Law in 1983. He is a registered mediator/arbitrator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. He has been admitted to practice law in Georgia and the District of Columbia.

Olens and his wife Lisa have two children, Lauren and Jonathan.