

## **2018 Election Questions – Attorney General – Doug Wardlow**

Why are you running for office? What are your personal priorities/initiatives?

My wife Jenny and I have three young children. I want them to grow up in a Minnesota where the streets are safe, the law is respected, and the weakest among us are protected. That's the job of the attorney general, and that's why I'm running.

As Attorney General, I will protect consumers, fight financial scams, prosecute welfare fraud, fight sanctuary-city policies, crack down on opioid pushers, combat elder abuse, fight human trafficking, and stand with law enforcement to make Minnesota safe.

How will you ensure that partisan politics does not affect your decisions?

I will work tirelessly every day to defend the legal and constitutional rights of all of the people of Minnesota regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, or party affiliation. I will stand up for the rule of law and work for a safe, fair, prosperous, and free Minnesota. To that end, I will appoint deputy and assistant attorneys general who can be trusted to stand up for the rule of law.

Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications.

I am a native Minnesotan. I grew up in Eagan, the son of two public school teachers. My Dad also served in the Marine Corps. My parents instilled in me the value of public service. My wife and I now reside in Prior Lake, and we have three children, ages 8, 6 and 2. I want my children to have the same opportunities here in Minnesota that I had growing up.

I have spent my legal career championing the people's most important legal and constitutional rights. For 14 years, I have fought for Minnesotans' property rights in eminent-domain disputes, defended our free-speech rights in First Amendment cases, and fought for Minnesotans' prosperity in international-trade disputes. That broad litigation experience, my particular expertise in constitutional litigation, and my experience in the law-making process serving as a State Representative from Dakota County, have prepared me well to serve as Minnesota's lawyer.