

KRIS W. KOBACH

Kansas Secretary of State

EDUCATION

- Graduated from Washburn Rural High School (Co-Valedictorian, Class President) Topeka, Kansas, 1984.
- Bachelor's Degree (A.B.) from Harvard University, graduating Summa Cum Laude and as the top Harvard Government Department student, 1988.
- Doctorate (Ph.D., M. Phil.) in Political Science from Oxford University (England) on a Marshall Scholarship awarded by the British government, 1992.
- Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from Yale School of Law, 1995. Notes Development Editor on the *Yale Law Journal*.

EXPERIENCE

- Kansas Secretary of State, 2011-present.
- Professor of Law at University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law specializing in Constitutional Law, Election Law, Legislation, and Immigration Law, 1996-2011.
- Constitutional attorney defending cities and states that fight illegal immigration against ACLU lawsuits, including: Hazleton, PA, the State of Arizona, Valley Park, MO, Farmers Branch, TX, and others.
- Counsel to United States Attorney General John Ashcroft, US Justice Department, 2001-2003.
 - As chief adviser on immigration law and border security, led reforms of the immigration court system.
 - Architect of anti-terrorism programs after 9/11/2001, including the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS), which led to the apprehension of numerous suspected terrorists.
- White House Fellow awarded by President George W. Bush, 2001-2002.
- Overland Park City Councilman, 1999-2001.
- Judicial clerk on the United States Court of Appeals (10th Circuit), Kansas, 1995-1996.
- Recipient of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Award, 2008.
- Policy Adviser to Presidential Candidates Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson, 2007-2008.
- Testified before Congress on 10 occasions.

AUTHOR, GUEST, & PROGRAM HOST

- Regular guest (more than 100 times) on *The O'Reilly Factor* (FOX News), *Fox and Friends* (FOX News) *Lou Dobbs Tonight* (CNN) and other national cable news programs.
- Author of book on elections and ballot issues, *The Referendum* (Dartmouth, 1993).
- Author of several scholarly articles on elections (in *Electoral Studies*), political science, constitutional law, and immigration law.
- Editorial contributor to the *New York Post*, *Washington Times*, *Human Events* and *Midwest CEO*.
- Host of *The Kris Kobach Show*, KCMO 710 AM Radio (airs every Sunday from 6-8 PM).

REPUBLICAN PARTY

- Chairman of the Kansas Republican Party, 2007-2009.
- Member of the Republican National Committee, 2007-2009.
- Member of the Republican Platform Committee, 2008.

FAMILY/PERSONAL

- Born March 1966
- Resides with wife Heather and daughters Lilly, Reagan, Molly, Charlotte, and Josephine, in Piper, Kansas
- Member of Open Door Baptist Church
- Mission worker in Uganda, Africa, 2005 and 2006
- Eagle Scout