

# About Attorney General Janet T. Mills



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The Attorney General is Maine's chief law enforcement officer and represents the state in legal matters ranging from child support enforcement, civil rights and consumer protection to the prosecution of homicides, felony drug cases and major frauds. The Attorney General is also a member of the Baxter Park Authority, overseeing the 209,000 wilderness acres of the Baxter State Park.

Attorney General Janet Trafton Mills was born in Farmington, Maine, and graduated from Farmington High School. She earned a B.A. degree from the University of Massachusetts Boston and a J.D. degree from the University of Maine School of Law where she was an editor of the Maine Law Review.

Ms. Mills was an Assistant Attorney General from 1976 to 1980, prosecuting homicides and other major crimes. In 1980, she was elected District Attorney for Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties, a position to which she was re-elected three times. She was the first woman District Attorney in New England.

From 1995 through 2008, Ms. Mills practiced law in Skowhegan with her brother, former State Senator S. Peter Mills, in the firm Wright and Mills, P.A.. Ms. Mills was elected to the House of Representatives in 2002, representing the towns of Farmington and Industry. She served on the Appropriations Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. In December 2008 she was elected by the Joint Convention of the Legislature to be Maine's 55th Attorney General, the first woman Attorney General in Maine. During a hiatus in office, from 2011 through 2012, Ms. Mills taught Criminal Law at the University of Maine Augusta and served of counsel in the Litigation Group of PretiFlaherty, LLP.

In December 2012, Ms. Mills was again elected Attorney General, and in December 2014 she was re-elected to her second consecutive term. Attorney General Mills continues to tackle issues of domestic violence, heroin and opiate abuse and the protection of elders in Maine. She serves on the Criminal Law, Substance Abuse and the Energy & Environment Committees of the National Association of Attorneys General and was recently appointed Co-Chair of the NAAG Tobacco Committee. Attorney General Mills has also worked with homeowners, lenders and attorneys to implement the National Mortgage Settlement in Maine to protect homeowners' rights.

In years past Ms. Mills co-founded the Maine Women's Lobby and was an active member of a number of organizations, including the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation Board. Ms. Mills was married for 29 years to Stanley Kuklinski who died in September 2014. She lives in Farmington and has five stepdaughters and three grandsons.