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Meet Brian Sandoval

Governor Brian Sandoval



Brian Sandoval was elected Governor of Nevada on November 2, 2010. Brian Sandoval was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Nevada by President George W. Bush in October 2005, becoming the state's first Hispanic federal judge. Governor Sandoval received his [Bachelor of Arts degree](#) from the University of Nevada in 1986 and his law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1989. In September 2009, Brian entered the race for Governor to get Nevada working again -- by diversifying our economy, maintaining a business-friendly environment and reforming education.

Brian is so committed to restoring integrity and common sense to the Governorship that he is the first federal judge in Nevada to give up a lifetime appointment to the bench. Prior to serving as a federal judge, Sandoval was Nevada's Attorney General.

As Attorney General, Brian Sandoval set up the first public integrity unit to investigate and prosecute officials who violated the public trust, led the state's legal fight against the storage of high level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain and sponsored important legislation strengthening Nevada's laws against domestic violence, drug abuse and human trafficking.

As Attorney General, Sandoval was also the chairman and a member of several state boards and commissions, including the Nevada Boards of Pardons, Prisons, Transportation, and Examiners, the Cyber-Crime Task Force, the Chairman of the Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and the Chairman of the Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys.

Prior to his election as Attorney General, Sandoval served as a member and chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, which oversees Nevada's [gaming industry](#). At age 35, Sandoval was the youngest person ever to serve as the state's chief gaming regulator.

Sandoval also served for three years as Nevada's at-large member of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency ("TRPA") Governing Board. The TRPA is a bi-state agency that governs land use policies at Lake Tahoe. Before his Gaming Commission and TRPA appointments, Sandoval served two terms in the Nevada Legislature where he served on the Judiciary, Taxation and Natural Resources Committees and sponsored 14 bills that became law. As a legislator, Sandoval also served on the Nevada Legislative Commission, the Advisory Commission on Sentencing, the Juvenile Justice Commission, the Advisory Council on Community Notification of Sex [Offenders](#) and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Oversight Committee.

As a private practitioner, Sandoval had a varied law practice, where he engaged in litigation, administrative and adoption matters. Throughout his career, Sandoval has received several awards and certificates, including the Hispanics in Politics' 1996 "Broche de Oro Award," the Anti-Defamation League's 2003 "Torch of Liberty Award," the Nevada State Bar's 2004 "Access to Justice Public Lawyer Award," the Latino

Coalition's 2004 "Most Influential Hispanic in the U.S. Award," the 2004 University of Nevada "Alumnus of the Year Award," and the "Excellence in Leadership Award" from the Latino Coalition in 2010. Governor Sandoval and his wife, Kathleen, have three children. Governor Sandoval enjoys running, traveling and spending time with his family.

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