



Matthew J. Platkin

62nd Attorney General of New Jersey

Matthew J. Platkin is the 62nd Attorney General of New Jersey, appointed by Governor Phil Murphy on February 3, 2022.

As New Jersey's chief law enforcement officer, Attorney General Platkin has prioritized the safety of New Jersey residents, focusing on combating violent crime and implementing innovative public safety strategies. He has specifically targeted gun crimes and auto thefts, resulting in significant reductions in both areas during his tenure. He has also spearheaded efforts to change how law enforcement responds to mental health emergencies by connecting individuals to resources, underscored by the innovative ARRIVE Together program.

The Attorney General leads a department that touches upon nearly every aspect of life in New Jersey. Its sweeping responsibilities include investigating and prosecuting crimes, representing the State's interests in court, enforcing strong consumer protection and civil rights statutes, regulating important industries and overseeing over 38,000 law enforcement officers throughout the state. Attorney General Platkin believes that at the center of this work is public trust. With that goal in mind, he has made it a priority to utilize available resources and authority to root out public waste and abuse, eradicate corruption, hold regulated businesses and industries accountable, defend civil rights, end bias and discrimination, and increase transparency concerning law enforcement conduct.

Since his appointment, Attorney General Platkin has established several new offices within the Department of Law and Public Safety, aligning with his core priorities, and many of which represent first-in-the-nation programming. These include the Statewide Affirmative Firearms Enforcement Office, the Division of Violence Intervention and Victim Assistance and specialized units within the Division of Criminal Justice dedicated to prosecuting human trafficking and complex financial crimes. From the moment reproductive rights were put at risk under the Dobbs decision, he created and has led the Reproductive Rights Strike Force and partnered with the Governor's Office and Legislature to protect access to reproductive healthcare.

Prior to his role as Attorney General, Platkin served as Chief Counsel to Governor Murphy, overseeing legal matters and providing counsel on legislation, executive orders, regulations, and litigation.

Platkin is a native of New Jersey, hailing from Morris County, and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University and a Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School. He lives in Montclair with his wife, Sophia, and children, Robert and Maya.