



Biography

In January 2011, Ted Cruz filed to run for U.S. Senate based on his proven record of fighting for conservative principles and winning on a national level. He is running for the Senate to stand up and fight to defend liberty, preserve the Constitution, and stop federal overreach.

From 2003-08, Ted served as the Solicitor General of Texas, the chief lawyer for the State before the U.S. Supreme Court and all the state and federal appellate courts. Cruz was the youngest Solicitor General in the nation, the longest serving Solicitor General in Texas, and the first Hispanic Solicitor General in Texas.

Ted has authored over 80 U.S. Supreme Court briefs and personally argued 39 oral arguments, including nine before the U.S. Supreme Court—the most of any lawyer in Texas.

Under the leadership of Attorney General Greg Abbott, Ted defended Texas values, winning repeatedly on a national level. During Ted's service as Solicitor General, Texas achieved an unprecedented series of landmark national victories, including successfully defending:

- U.S. sovereignty against the World Court in *Medellin v. Texas*.
- The Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms;
- The constitutionality of the Texas Ten Commandments monument;
- The constitutionality of the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance;
- The constitutionality of Texas Sexually Violent Predator Civil Commitment law; and
- The Texas congressional redistricting plan.

Ted has been described by *National Review* as “a Republican star rising in Texas,” and as “a great Reaganite hope.”

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The *National Law Journal* called him “a key voice” to whom “the [U.S. Supreme Court] Justices listen.” He was named by *American Lawyer* magazine as one of the 50 Best Litigators under 45 in America, by the *National Law Journal* as one of the 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America, and *Texas Lawyer* as one of the 25 Greatest Lawyers of the Past Quarter Century.

Ted currently serves as a Partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Houston, where he leads the firm’s U.S. Supreme Court and national Appellate Litigation practice. In addition, from 2004-09, he taught U.S. Supreme Court Litigation as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Texas School of Law.

Prior to serving as Solicitor General, Ted served as the Director of the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission, an Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, and Domestic Policy Advisor on the 2000 Bush-Cheney campaign. In addition, Ted clerked for Chief Justice William Rehnquist on the U.S. Supreme Court. He was the first Hispanic ever to have clerked for the Chief Justice of the United States.

Ted has seen first-hand that America’s bedrock principle is the pursuit of freedom and opportunity. His father came to Texas from Cuba penniless at age 18, not speaking a word of English. Cruz went on to study at Princeton where, in college debate, he was named the U.S. National Speaker of the Year and the U.S. National Team of the Year (with his partner). He also won the First Place Speaker award at both the 1992 U.S. National Debating Championship and the 1992 North American Debate Championships.

He graduated from Harvard Law School magna cum laude and served as a Primary Editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, an Executive Editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, and a Founding Editor of the *Harvard Latino Law Review*.

Ted and his wife Heidi live in Houston, where he grew up, with their two-year-old daughter, Caroline, and their newborn daughter Catherine.

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