

Biography of Eliot Spitzer

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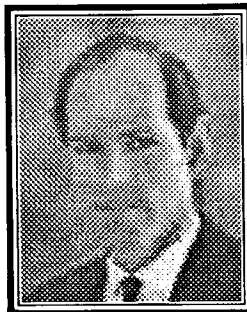
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Eliot Spitzer became the state's 63rd Attorney General on January 1, 1999. Since that time, he has advanced initiatives to make New York a national leader in environmental protection, public safety, civil rights and consumer affairs.

Spitzer's lawsuits against Midwest and Mid-Atlantic power plants were the catalyst for a series of national settlements that will cut pollution responsible for acid rain and smog in New York.

He reached landmark settlements with employers to protect the rights of workers in the grocery, garment and retail industries.

He developed a comprehensive plan to improve privacy protections for New Yorkers while encouraging the expansion of e-commerce in the state.

He developed a "code of conduct" that was the foundation for a settlement with the nation's largest gun manufacturer.

He is working to reduce energy costs for residential and business customers in New York.

He has won major cases in the areas of organized crime and public integrity.

Through these and other initiatives, Spitzer is building the reputation of the Attorney General as "the People's Lawyer."

Spitzer brings considerable experience to the office. He was a clerk to United State District Court Judge Robert W. Sweet and then, an associate at Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison.

He served as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan from 1986-1992, rising to become Chief of the Labor Racketeering Unit, where he successfully prosecuted organized crime and political corruption cases. He later worked at the New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, and was a partner at Constantine & Partners.

Spitzer has contributed great time and energy to community service, serving on the boards of various not-for-profit organizations.

Spitzer is a 1981 graduate of Princeton University and a 1984 graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Spitzer and his wife, Silda, also a Harvard Law School graduate, live in Manhattan with their three daughters, and also maintain a home in Columbia County.