



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LISA MADIGAN, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Often recognized for her leadership and integrity, Lisa Madigan has brought a high level of activism to the Office of Illinois Attorney General. From her first days in office, she has demonstrated principled leadership, putting policy before politics and focusing her work as the state's top legal advocate on protecting the people and communities of Illinois.

Madigan has dedicated the energy and resources of her office to protecting women and children from the dangers of sexual predators and on the Internet.

Under Madigan's stewardship, the Consumer

Protection Division of the Attorney General's office has established a national reputation for aggressively safeguarding consumers from fraud and unsafe products. Madigan is a leader in the public's fight for open and accessible government, and she also has been credited with restoring integrity to Illinois' gambling industry. Additionally, Madigan has been widely praised for implementing a series of proactive law enforcement strategies to combat the spread of methamphetamine throughout the state.

Madigan is the first Illinois Attorney General in over 25 years to personally argue a case before the United States Supreme Court. In 2004, she successfully argued *Illinois v. Caballes*, in which the Court upheld the ability of police officers to use specially trained dogs to detect the presence of illegal drugs during traffic stops, ensuring that law enforcement may continue to use this effective strategy to fight the spread of drugs into our neighborhoods.

Attorney General Madigan has become a respected advocate in the national legal arena. Testifying before a Congressional committee on the recall of dangerous toys, she advocated for stronger consumer product safety laws and called on the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission to improve its efforts to protect the public. She also testified before Congress to urge the passage of measures to protect consumers' privacy by prohibiting the sale of cell phone records. Madigan's office also has taken the lead in presenting the views of the states in numerous amicus briefs filed in the Supreme Court, including a brief, joined by 46 other states, seeking to protect the role of state courts in enforcing critical consumer protection laws.