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PERSONAL DATA

DATE OF BIRTH: October 18, 1951 - lifetime resident of Colorado
MARRIED: Janet Gill Suthers - May 21, 1976
CHILDREN: Alison M. Suthers; Attorney, Denver, Colorado
Catherine P. Suthers; Officer, United States Navy, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

EDUCATION

LAW SCHOOL: J.D., University of Colorado, Boulder, 1977
American Jurisprudence Award
Legal Aid and Defender Program

COLLEGE: B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Government and International Studies, 1974
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana
Full academic scholarship
Dean's List (all eight semesters)
Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)

HIGH SCHOOL: St. Mary's High School, Colorado Springs, 1970
Graduated third in class
Student Body President
National Honor Society
Four Varsity Letters - Basketball, Baseball (2), Track
All City Baseball Team, 1970

EMPLOYMENT

January, 2005 - Present: Attorney General of Colorado (elected)

August, 2001 - January, 2005: United States Attorney, District of Colorado (presidential appointment)

January, 1999 - August, 2001: Executive Director, Colorado Department of Corrections
(gubernatorial appointment)

January, 1997 - January, 1999: Senior Counsel in the law firm of Sparks, Dix, P.C.

January, 1989 - January, 1997: District Attorney, Fourth Judicial District of Colorado (elected)

June, 1982 - January, 1989: Partner in the law firm of Sparks, Dix, Enoch & Suthers, P.C.

January, 1981 - June, 1982: Associate in the law firm of Sparks, Dix & Enoch, P.C.

September, 1979 - January, 1981: Chief Deputy District Attorney, Fourth Judicial District of Colorado

October, 1977 - September, 1979: Deputy District Attorney, Fourth Judicial District of Colorado

Summers: 1974 & 1975: Legal Editor, Shepard's Citations

1967 - 1973: Worked every summer in high school and college in the landscaping and lawn mowing business

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Colorado, 1977
Federal District Court of Colorado, 1977
United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979
United States Supreme Court, 2003

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Gates Foundation Fellowship, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University,
Government Executives Program, Summer, 2000

Colorado Commissioner, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws,
1993 - 1997 (appointed by Colorado General Assembly)

Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Drug Control & System Improvement
Advisory Board, 1995 - 1997 (appointed by Governor of Colorado)

Colorado Claims Board, 2005 – present (member by statutory designation)

Colorado Homeland Security Advisory Committee, 2005 – present (appointed by executive order)

Colorado Identity Theft and Financial Fraud Board, 2006 – present (member by statutory designation)

Colorado Natural Resource Trustee, 2005 - present (appointed by executive order)

Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, 2005 - present (Chairman by statutory designation)

Colorado Statewide Methamphetamine Task Force, 2006 - present (Chairman by statutory designation)

Clemency Advisory Board, 1999 - 2001 (appointed by executive order)

Correctional Industries Advisory Board, 1999 - 2001 (member by statutory designation)

El Paso County Bar Association

President, 1990 - 1991

President Elect, 1989 - 1990

Board of Trustees, 1986 - 1988; 1989 - 1992

Chairman - Legislative Affairs Committee, 1984 - 1989

Membership Committee, 1982

Law Week Committee, 1981, 1987

Nomination & Election Committee, 1984, 1987 and 1992

Colorado Bar Association

Senior Vice President, 1996 - 1997

Board of Governors, 1989 - 1991; 1996 - 1997

Co-Chair - Law Education Committee, 1982 - 1983

Member - Ethics Committee, 1986

Member - Legislative Policy Committee, 1991 - 1992

Fellow - Colorado Bar Foundation (inducted 1992)

Colorado District Attorneys Council

President, 1994 - 1995

President Elect, 1993 - 1994

Treasurer, 1992 - 1993

Executive Committee, 1992 - 1995

Governing Board Member, 1989 - 1997

Chairman, Legislative Committee, 1991 – 1994

Conference of Western Attorneys General

Vice-Chairman, 2007 - present

National Association of Attorneys General, 2005 – present

Executive Committee, 2007 - present

Co-Chair, Criminal Law Committee, 2005 - present

Member, U.S. Attorney General's Executive Working Group on Prosecutorial Relations, 2005 – present

Co-Chair, Task Force on School and Campus Safety, 2007

National District Attorneys Association, 1989 - 1997

National Diocesan Attorneys Association, 1984 - 1988

(Represented Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs)

Association of State Correctional Administrators, 1999 - 2001

U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee, Terrorism and White Collar Crime Subcommittees, 2001 - 2004

EXPERIENCE AS TEACHER, LECTURER AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

Adjunct Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2007 - present

Instructor, Criminal Law & Procedure, Pikes Peak Community College, 1979 - 1980

Instructor, Colorado Springs Police Academy, 1989 - 1997

Instructor, El Paso County Sheriff's Department Training Academy, 1994 - 1997

Instructor, Colorado District Attorneys Council, 1989 - 1997

Lecturer, National Institute of Corrections, 2000, 2001, 2008
Lecturer, Colorado Department of Corrections Training Academy, 1999 - 2001
Lecturer, National District Attorneys Association, 1993, 1995
Testified on numerous occasions before committees of the Colorado General Assembly
Expert Legal Commentator, KOAA-TV, 1997 - 1998
Frequent appearances on radio and television talk shows
Guest, The O'Reilly Factor, Fox News, 2007
Guest, MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour, PBS, 1995
Guest lecturer, numerous high schools, colleges, universities and professional organizations

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Fraud and Deceit, Arco Publishing Co., 1981
On Behalf of the People: The History of Colorado's Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office; IPI Press, 1994
That Justice Shall Be Done: The History of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Colorado; Morris Publishing, 2004
The People's Lawyer: The History of the Colorado Attorney General's Office; Morris Publishing, 2007
No Higher Calling, No Greater Responsibility: A Prosecutor Makes His Case; Fulcrum Publishing, 2008

PAPERS:

How to Liquidate a Lemon, 1982 (written for National Center for Auto Safety)
The State Attorney General's Role in Global Climate Change, Denver University Law Review, Volume 85, 2008

NEWSPAPER COLUMNS:

Gazette Telegraph - monthly columnist, real estate section, 1984 - 1985
Northern Light - monthly columnist on criminal justice issues, 1989 - 1992

COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Director, 1996 - 2001
Cheyenne Mountain School District 12 - Chairman, Community Connected with Kids Committee, 1997 - 1999
Colorado Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1996, 2000, 2008
Colorado Governor's Civil Justice Task Force, 1999 - 2000
Colorado Lieutenant Governor's Committee to Promote Adoption, 2004
Colorado Co-Chairman, Mitt Romney for President, 2008
Colorado Secretary of State's Advisory Committee, 1982 - 1989
Colorado Springs School District 11 - Drug Free Schools Committee, 1989 - 1997
Colorado State Republican Party
Central Committee, 1989 to 2001
Executive Committee, 1997 - 1999, 2005 - present
Community Corrections of the Pikes Peak Region, Inc.
Director, January, 1984 - July, 1987
President, July 1985 - January, 1987
Crime Stoppers of the Pikes Peak Region, Inc.
Director, 1986 - 1989
El Paso County Criminal Justice Advisory Council, 1989 - 1997
El Paso County Local Emergency Planning Committee, 1989 - 1997
El Paso County, Co-Chairman, George W. Bush for President, 2000
El Paso County Republican Central Committee
Precinct Committeeman, 1986 - 2001
Executive Committee, 1990 - 2001, 2005 - present
El Paso County Republican Men's Club
Treasurer, 1986 - 1987
El Paso County Young Republicans - Officer and Director
Vice President, 1980 - 1981
Fourth Judicial District - Asset Forfeiture Board, 1989 - 1997

**The Hundred Club of Colorado Springs
Director, 1995 - present**

Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families - Executive Board, 1990 - 1997

**Notre Dame Club of Colorado Springs, Inc.
Director, 1981 - 1989
President, 1983**

RBC Dain Rauscher Scholarship Committee, 2003 - present

Republican Attorneys General Association, Executive Committee, 2005 - present

Rocky Mountain HIDTA, Executive Board, 2001 - 2004

**St. Paul's Catholic Church
Parish Council Member, 1966 - 1968; 1977 - 1980
Finance Council Member, 1981 - 1988**

United States Olympic Committee, Internal Review Board, 1998 - 2005

**Winter Night Club of Colorado Springs
Program Chairman, 1997 - 1998**

AWARDS

**Outstanding Public Service Award, Pikes Peak Care Coalition, 1992
Outstanding Alumni Award, St. Mary's High School, 1994, 2001
Outstanding Faculty Member, Colorado District Attorneys Council, 1994
Citizen of the Year, Pikes Peak Mental Health Center, 1996
Wheel Cover Award For Contributions to Public Safety, Drive Smart Colorado Springs, 1996
Exemplar Award for Public Service, University of Notre Dame, 1997
Distinguished Achievement Award - Public Sector - University of Colorado Law School, 2004
Lifetime Achievement Award - Catholic Lawyers Guild of Colorado, 2006
Republican of the Year - El Paso County Republican Party, 2007
Honorary Doctor of Law Degree - University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2007
Ben S. Wendelken Special Trustees Award - El Pomar Foundation, 2007
Distinguished Service Award - Notre Dame Club of Denver, 2008**

INTERESTS

American history, baseball card and memorabilia collecting, golf