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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**