

## Senator Eric Schmitt's Biography



Eric Schmitt is a sixth-generation Missourian, from a family of farmers, teachers, and small business owners who have lived and worked in the Missouri cities of Tipton, Pilot Grove, Louisiana, and St. Louis.

Eric's grandfather served in the 7th Army during World War II and saw major combat as an infantryman. After the war, he returned to Missouri to start a small butcher shop, where Eric's father would later

work. His father worked his way through night school to provide for his family while earning a diploma. Eric watched his father work 7 days a week on the midnight shift at the Anheuser-Busch brewery to provide a better life for his family, an experience that taught him the value of a strong work ethic.

Eric and his wife Jaime have three children: Stephen, Sophia, and Olivia. Their son, Stephen, was born with a rare genetic condition causing tumors on his organs. He also has epilepsy, is on the autism spectrum, and is non-verbal. Stephen was Eric's inspiration to run for office to be a voice for individuals like him and their families. One of Eric's early legislative victories was taking on insurance companies by leading a bipartisan effort to

ensure Missouri families are covered when they need it the most – including therapies for autism.

On November 8, 2022, the citizens of Missouri elected Eric Schmitt as the state's next United States Senator. Since 2019, Eric has served as Missouri's 43rd Attorney General.

As Missouri Attorney General, Eric launched multiple major initiatives to make Missouri safe. In his first month in office, Eric launched his Safer Streets Initiative, featuring unprecedented cooperation between the U.S Attorney's Office and the Attorney General's Office, taking the state's most violent offenders off the streets. Eric also launched his Office's first Cold Case Unit to deliver justice to victims who have waited far too long. To address the backlog of untested sexual assault kits, Eric launched the SAFE Kit initiative to bring justice for the brave individuals who came forward to tell their stories. Eric has also been committed to tackling the opioid crisis, securing necessary resources for treatment to those affected across the state.

Eric also led the fight to secure the border and make America energy independent. Working with a broad coalition of attorneys general, Eric ensured successful border policies were continued, while fighting for domestic energy exploration to lower the price at the gas pump.

Eric's love for the Constitution – the bedrock of America's legal system – inspired him to teach a course on American Civics. Eric taught "21st Century American Civics" at his alma mater, Saint Louis University.

Previously, Missourians elected Eric as their 46th State Treasurer, where Eric fought to safeguard precious taxpayer dollars by deploying a statewide tool allow citizens to see how their money was spent. Before serving as Treasurer, he was elected twice to represent Missouri's 15th Senate District, where he authored two of the largest tax cuts in state history,

championed the landmark legislation to end the unjust practice of taxation by citation, and advocated for those with special needs.

Eric attended DeSmet Jesuit High School and went on to graduate cum laude from Truman State University, where he founded a Habitat for Humanity chapter. After graduation, he attended law school at Saint Louis University where he received his J.D. and served as an editor of the Law Review.