ABOUT CURTIS T. HILL, JR.

Curtis Hill is the 43rd Attorney General of Indiana.

As Indiana's chief legal officer, Hill oversees a staff of more than 400 employees spread across multiple divisions. Hill has focused his agenda on defending freedom, protecting families and encouraging youth to pursue meaningful lives.

On November 8, 2016, Hill was elected Attorney General in record-breaking fashion. More than 1.64 million Hoosiers cast ballots for Hill, making him the top vote-getter of any elected official in Indiana history. He took office as Attorney General on January 9, 2017.

A native of Elkhart, Indiana, Hill is the youngest of five children. He credits his parents Curtis Sr., and Eleanor as his inspiration toward public service and leadership. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business from Indiana University, Bloomington and later received his law degree from IU as well. It was during law school that he met his wife Teresa and together they are raising their five children: Hallie, Mallory, Curtis III, Isabella and Abraham.

Hill began his legal career in the general practice of law while serving as a part-time assistant prosecuting attorney in Elkhart County. In 2002, Hill ran for his first public office, winning the first of his four elections as prosecuting attorney with nearly 80 percent of the vote.

As the Elkhart County prosecuting attorney, Hill was relentless in his pursuit of justice. Known for his skill as a trial lawyer, Hill was also aggressive in reopening investigations of years old “cold cases” in order to achieve justice for victims.

* In 2004, Hill reopened a case from 1995 that had gone unprosecuted by a previous administration in which the body of a 17-year-old of Jessica Zbras was found near Rock Run Creek in Goshen, Indiana. An autopsy determined the young woman died of strangulation/asphyxiation. Hill’s efforts led to the 2005 murder conviction of Terrence Evans, who was 34 at the time Hill filed charges against him. Evans was sentenced to 65 years. His conviction was upheld on appeal.

* In 2005, Hill filed charges against Fred Mott in connection with the 1991 slaying of Kari Nunnemaker, who was 16 at the time of her death. The victim was abducted from her vehicle while stopped at train tracks in Elkhart, raped and then murdered by asphyxiation. Her unclothed body was dumped in a woods near a rural county park and discovered by a passer-by several days later. The investigation went cold for 14 years until Hill and Sheriff Books reopened the case and assigned it to the Indiana State Police Cold Case Unit. After DNA evidence was found to be consistent with Mott, Hill charged Mott with murder and had him extradited from Indiana to California where he was serving a life sentence for a series of rapes in that state. In 2008, the case went to trial, and Mott was convicted, sentenced in Indiana to 60 years, and returned to a California Prison.

* In 2013, Hill filed charges of rape, child molestation and criminal confinement against Robert Quinn in relation to a 1988 assault against a 10-year-old girl. The assailant abducted the girl from her Elkhart home while her parents were away, took her to a remote location and raped her multiple times causing serious physical and emotional injuries. The assailant then took the girl back to an area near her home and dropped her off. Hill reopened this case after the victim, by then in her 30s, contacted his office in 2011. Quinn was found guilty of all three charges and sentenced to 53 years. The convictions were upheld on appeal. As Elkhart County prosecutor, Hill also developed a reputation for combating organized criminal activity and the proliferation of illegal drugs. Working with local law enforcement, Hill created the Interdiction and Covert Enforcement (ICE) unit. The ICE unit has worked to eliminate drug traffic in Elkhart County. Hill took a vigorous approach to prosecuting drug trafficking organizations. He established a seized asset forfeiture program to financially cripple criminal organizations. Through the asset forfeiture program, criminal assets were seized by law enforcement then ordered forfeited by the court. The proceeds were then distributed back to law enforcement for reinvestment in crime fighting. Under Hill’s leadership, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney successfully seized more than $2 million in criminal assets.

As a prosecutor, Hill testified before Congress on “Methamphetamine in the Heartland” and served as a
Hill also has been a member of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Inc. (past president), Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council (IPAC) Ethics Committee, National District Attorneys Association (former vice president), FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division Advisory Policy Board and State Board of Law Examiners Character and Fitness Committee. Hill also is a trustee of The Nature Conservancy Indiana Chapter and a life member of the NAACP.

In his hometown, Hill has served as a board member for the Elkhart County Historical Society; Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce; Boys and Girls Club of Elkhart County; and Encouraging Technology and Hands-On Science (ETHOS).

For the 2017-2018 term, Hill has been named the Vice Chair of the Midwest Region for the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG). He also serves as the Co-Chair of the Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Relations Working Group, Co-Chair of the Civil Rights Committee and as a member of the Federalism and Preemption Committee for NAAG.

In his spare time, Hill has performed on stage in a variety of local community theater productions, including recurring roles as the King of Siam in "The King and I." He also has been known to don a white jumpsuit to impersonate the "King of Rock and Roll." Among some of his other credits, Hill has been cast in "Guys and Dolls," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat," "The Jungle Book" and "A Christmas Carol" (in which he portrayed the ghost of Jacob Marley). He also has a passion for martial arts, having earned a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a black belt in Hapkido.

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