

Ken Cuccinelli II

Ken Cuccinelli served as the acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in 2019, and then as acting deputy secretary for the Department of Homeland Security from 2019-2021, serving as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Regulatory Officer for the Department of Homeland Security. Ken was a leading official and spokesman on immigration, homeland security, and election security, and was appointed by President Trump to serve as one of seven original members of the Coronavirus Task Force upon the emergence of COVID-19.

In addition to practicing law for nearly 30 years, Ken also served in state government in the Virginia Senate from 2002-2010 and as Virginia's Attorney General from 2010-2014. As Virginia's Attorney General, Ken led national litigation against Obamacare and other illegal and unconstitutional federal overreach. He also led Virginia from being among the worst states in fighting human trafficking to becoming one of the best; and his successful prosecutorial efforts resulted in record enforcement against gangs, health care fraud and child predators, all while protecting life and constitutional rights.

In addition to Virginia campaigns, Ken led the delegate convention organizational effort for Senator Ted Cruz in his 2016 campaign for President, and Ken founded the Never Back Down SuperPAC in support of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' run for President in 2024.

Ken earned a mechanical engineering degree from UVA, a law degree from the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University, and a master's in international transactions from George Mason University. He has been blessed to be married to his wife Teiro for 33 years, and they have 7 children (2 married) and 5 GRANDCHILDREN!

HON. KENNETH T. “KEN” CUCCINELLI II

EXPERIENCE

KENNETH T. CUCCINELLI, II, ATTORNEY AT LAW

OWNER & ATTORNEY - 2014 to 2019; January, 2021 to present

- ♦ Litigate at both trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts.
- ♦ Plan, coordinate and execute Constitutional and federalism litigation.
- ♦ Strategic planning and client risk assessment.
- ♦ Address array of legal issues associated with cryptocurrencies.
- ♦ Represent clients to regulatory and law enforcement agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

DEPUTY SECRETARY (ACTING) - 2019 to 2021

Clearances: TS/SCI/Q

- ♦ Served as Chief Operating Officer with responsibility for managing day-to-day operations of the third largest U.S. cabinet department, with over 240,000 employees and a budget of over \$50 billion.
- ♦ Served as one of the administration’s lead communicators of homeland security and national security strategies and actions. Only Deputy Secretary to serve in a lead communication role.
- ♦ Led operational responses to a wide variety of crises, including public health, law enforcement, humanitarian, immigration, legal, medical, and communications.
- ♦ Chosen by President as one of seven original members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Led implementation of most early responses to the virus.
- ♦ Participated on behalf of the Department in all inter-agency policy, planning and execution affecting homeland and national security. Represented Department equities across the U.S. Government, including in the White House.
- ♦ Implemented strategic planning for the Department, including coordinating mission demands with available budgets in both the short- and long-term, as well as leading changes needed to bring agency mission capabilities in line with expected budgets for long-term sustainable performance.
- ♦ Oversaw process to identify capability gaps relative to missions and lead planning and execution to minimize and eliminate such gaps over time.
- ♦ Served as Chief Regulatory Officer for the Department, a duty traditionally of the General Counsel. As such, led all aspects of converting presidential priorities into regulatory actions.
- ♦ Led numerous instances of emergency regulating to meet Covid-19 and other crisis needs.
- ♦ Stood up transition team in advance of national election to prepare for transition.
- ♦ Proposed and implemented structural changes within the Department to improve efficiency, effectiveness and accountability resulting in cost savings while increasing output.
- ♦ Issues addressed in depth include, but are not limited to: 5G, cybersecurity, immigration, use of force in pursuit of national security objectives, domestic law enforcement (including investigations related to cryptocurrencies), confronting terrorism and transnational organized crime.
- ♦ Led senior staff to ensure shared policy agenda was consistently pursued across the department.
- ♦ Met with international representatives regarding security, immigration, trade and human trafficking.
- ♦ Met with members of congress, senior congressional staff and policy makers.
- ♦ Testified before congress on a variety of matters including immigration, law enforcement, national security and DHS management.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
DIRECTOR (ACTING) - 2019

Clearances: TS/SCI

- ♦ Served as Chief Executive Officer of America's legal immigration agency.
- ♦ Led all aspects of immigration services and processing, including humanitarian services such as asylum services, for almost 10 million transactions annually at an agency of 19,000 employees in over 100 offices world-wide, with a fee-funded annual budget of approximately \$5 billion.
- ♦ Implemented management, process and hiring changes that increased efficiency, effectiveness and morale while also changing the corporate culture over the long term.
- ♦ Led primary team of regulation drafters for the Department of Homeland Security in advancing presidential policy priorities.
- ♦ One of only two agency heads relied upon by the administration to regularly participate in direct public communications to educate the public on administration positions.
- ♦ Successfully led agency through humanitarian crisis on Southwest border in summer 2019. The sudden extraordinary logistical and personnel demands required new and creative solutions in order to meet statutory obligations, all while effectively communicating the challenge and solutions publicly.
- ♦ Met with international representatives on immigration matters of mutual interest.
- ♦ Testified before congress on immigration issues.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

46TH ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VIRGINIA - 2010 to 2014

Clearance: Secret

- ♦ Led comprehensive national effort by state Attorneys General to serve as the 'last line of defense' against illegal overreach by the federal government, including successful efforts against the EPA, FCC, NLRB and the Office of Surface Mining. Authored book on this topic.
- ♦ Shattered national records for state investigation and prosecution of Medicaid fraud, including largest state case, most money recovered in one year, and most money recovered in one term.
- ♦ Increased convictions of child predators and pornographers by 77%.
- ♦ Initiated and led comprehensive efforts to combat human trafficking, including both local and federal partnerships across Virginia. One such partnership resulted in 50 convictions and the identification of more than 375 victims.
- ♦ Created award-winning gang prevention resources while also expanding prosecutions of gang members to the highest levels in Virginia history.
- ♦ Managed law office of over 400 employees and nearly \$40 million annual budget.
- ♦ Advised Governor and all state agency heads on all aspects of government operations for agencies employing over 100,000 employees with total budgets in excess of \$40 billion annually.
- ♦ Overhauled management, professional development, evaluation and salary structure thereby improving both performance and morale, and reducing inappropriate salary disparities.
- ♦ Reduced the office's general fund appropriations while improving morale and performance.
- ♦ Led national communication effort by state Attorneys General regarding numerous litigation efforts directed at legally controversial actions of the Obama Administration.
- ♦ Frequently served as television and radio commentator and contributor as well as authored numerous persuasive articles for print and digital media.
- ♦ Testified before Congress on legal and regulatory matters.

CNN

***LEGAL & POLITICAL COMMENTATOR* - 2017 to 2019**

- ♦ Regular participant as legal, policy and political commentator in both panel and debate formats.
- ♦ Defended constitutional policy positions against assault on national cable network while educating viewers on underlying principles and their significance.

FREEDOMWORKS FOUNDATION

***DIRECTOR, REGULATORY ACTION CENTER* - 2016 to 2019**

- ♦ Directed legal and grassroots efforts of 501(c)(3) project to slow, shrink or stop regulatory growth.
- ♦ Led campaign to educate the public of both the freedom and opportunity benefits of less regulation.

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

***STATE SENATOR* - 2002 to 2010**

- ♦ Represented 200,000 constituents in the Virginia State Senate.
- ♦ Ran and won three successful grassroots campaigns in the most challenging part of Virginia for conservatives, despite being the Democrats' top target for defeat in the state.
- ♦ After three elections, was the only Republican State Senator out of ten Senators in Northern Virginia.

CUCCINELLI & DAY

***CO-FOUNDER & PARTNER* - 2003 to 2010**

- ♦ Litigated at both trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts.
- ♦ Performed business formation, branding, financing, intellectual property and M&A counseling.
- ♦ Prevailed in constitutional election-law litigation with Virginia and successfully obtained unique recoveries for families of police officers killed in the line of duty from family of killer.

OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT

***SENIOR ASSOCIATE* - 1999 to 2003**

- ♦ Litigated patent, anti-trust and trademark disputes in federal district and appellate courts.
- ♦ Provided legal counsel on intellectual property matters to businesses.

LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL KEVIN MURPHY

***ASSOCIATE* - 1995 to 1999**

- ♦ Litigated wide variety of cases involving over 100 hearings and trials in state and federal courts, including defense of courts martial and pro-bono work on behalf of veterans and mentally ill clients.

HOWREY & SIMON, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DIVISION

***ENGINEERING PARALEGAL* - 1991 to 1992**

- ♦ Conducted product analysis and served as trial paralegal in patent infringement cases.

EDUCATION

- ♦ *Master of Arts*, International Transactions, George Mason University, 2000
- ♦ *Juris Doctor*, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, 1995
- ♦ *Bachelor of Science*, Mechanical Engineering, with Minor in Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

- ♦ U.S. Supreme Court
- ♦ Supreme Court of Virginia
- ♦ District of Columbia
- ♦ 4th Circuit Court of Appeals
- ♦ Eastern District of Virginia
- ♦ Court of Federal Claims
- ♦ D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals
- ♦ U.S. Court of International Trade