

WAYNE STENEHJEM
NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem was born in Mohall, North Dakota. He graduated from the University of North Dakota and received his law degree from the UND School of Law in 1977. He is married to Beth Bakke Stenehjem and has a son, Andrew.

Stenehjem was elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives in 1976, serving for two terms until his election to the ND Senate in 1980. He served for twenty years in the Senate until his election to the Office of Attorney General. Stenehjem served on the Judiciary Committee throughout his tenure in the Legislature, and was Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1995-2000. He was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 1999 Legislative Session.

In January 2001, Stenehjem was sworn in as the State's 29th Attorney General. He was reelected in 2004, 2006, 2010, 2014, and again in 2018. Stenehjem is the longest serving Attorney General in North Dakota history.

Wayne is the recipient of "Champion of the People's Right to Know" award; SBAND Legislative Service Award; the 2005 North Dakota Peace Officer's Association's Lone Eagle Award, was inducted into the Scandinavian American Hall of Fame in 2007, and was named the 2011 Bismarck State College Alumnus of the Year and the Bismarck High School Hall of Fame. An Eagle Scout since 1968, Attorney General Stenehjem was honored with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2013.