

2010 candidate questionnaire

NAME: Ken Hodges

PARTY: Democratic

SEEKING: Georgia Attorney General



1. Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running for Attorney General because of my life-long dedication to public service having worked 15 years of my 20 year career as a public prosecutor. I was elected three times by double-digit margins despite tough competition as District Attorney for Dougherty County Judicial Circuit.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I plan run the Attorney General's office within or under budget as well as tackle some of the state's most important legal business. I'll run the office as an independent office and keep with the tradition of answering only to the voters of Georgia.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

The Attorney General is the state's chief prosecutor and law enforcement officer and currently I'm the only democratic candidate for Attorney General with law enforcement experience period. During my 12 years as the elected prosecutor from Dougherty County, I've worked closely with local law enforcement, walking crime scenes, overseeing forensic investigations, interrogating witnesses, and making closing arguments from rural courtrooms all the way up to Georgia's Supreme Court.

4. What are the key issues in your race?

The three most important issues facing the Attorney General of Georgia will be fighting public corruption, protecting Georgians from violent crime and ensuring our civil rights as Georgians.

5. Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

As Attorney General, I will ensure that Georgia's law enforcement community has all the tools it needs to keep our state safe. Whether in the war against the spread of methamphetamines or in the effort to crack down on crime in our cities, I will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Georgia's law enforcement officers and am the only candidate with

experience to lead the fight against violent crime.

6. Give a 100 word summary of your background.

I have served as President of the Georgia District Attorney's Association and in 2002 was given the prestigious honor of being recognized as Georgia's District Attorney of the Year. I also chaired the Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC), and is a Fellow of the Lawyer's Foundation of Georgia.

I received my bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Sociology from Emory University in 1988 and his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1991. My wife, Melissa, grew up in Gwinnett County and graduated from The Marist School in Atlanta. She earned her bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's (100).