

Biographical Timeline of Elena Kagan

1960	Born in New York City.
1978-81	Attends Princeton University, graduating with a B.A. in history.
1980	Works on the New York Senate race of Elizabeth Holtzman.
1981-83	Receives an M.Phil. in Politics from Oxford University.
1984-86	Attends Harvard Law School.
1986-87	Clerks for Judge Abner Mikva at the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.
1987-88	Clerks for Justice Thurgood Marshall at the Supreme Court.
1988	Works on the presidential campaign of Michael Dukakis.
1989-91	Associate at the law firm Williams & Connolly, based in Washington, D.C.
1991-95	Professor at the University of Chicago Law School. Hired as an assistant professor, granted full professor status in 1995.
Summer 1993	Hired by then-Senator Joseph Biden as legal counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee on Ruth Bader Ginsburg's nomination to the Supreme Court.
1995-96	Associate White House counsel to Bill Clinton.
1997-99	Deputy assistant to the president for domestic policy and deputy director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, under director Bruce Reed.
1999	Nominated by Bill Clinton to the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Nomination stalls in committee and ultimately dies.
1999-2009	Professor at Harvard Law School. Granted tenure in 2001.
2001	Publishes “Presidential Administration” in the <i>Harvard Law Review</i> .
2003	Named Dean of Harvard Law School.
Spring Term 2005	Bans military recruiters from the Harvard Law career office.
Summer 2005	Harvard’s military recruiter policy is revoked, likely by Harvard University President Lawrence Summers.
Sept. 2005	Signs <i>amicus</i> brief in the <i>Rumsfeld v. FAIR</i> Supreme Court case concerning the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment.
March 2009	Confirmed as United States Solicitor General.
Sept. 2009	Argues <i>Citizens United v. Federal Election Committee</i> on behalf of the United States.