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## Biography



### **Neal Katyal**

**Renowned Award-Winning Attorney; Former U.S. Acting Solicitor General**

The former Obama administration Acting Solicitor General of the United States and New York Times best selling author, Neal runs one of the largest Supreme Court practices in the world at an international law firm, where he occupies the role formerly held by now Chief Justice John Roberts. He has extensive experience in Constitutional law and Criminal Law. He has orally argued 43 cases before the Supreme Court of the United States, with 41 of them in the last decade. At the age of 50, he has already argued more Supreme Court cases in U.S. history than any other minority attorney, breaking the record of Thurgood Marshall. Neal served as Acting Solicitor General during the Obama administration (the federal government's top courtroom lawyer) and was responsible for representing the federal government in all appellate matters before the U.S. Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeals throughout the nation. He also served in the Deputy Attorney General's Office at the Justice Department as National Security Advisor. Additionally, Neal is a law professor with more than two decades of experience at the Georgetown University Law Center where he was one of the youngest professors to have received tenure and a chaired professorship in the university's history. At Georgetown, Neal also serves as Faculty Chair of the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection. Neal has also been a visiting professor at both Harvard and Yale law schools.

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Neal has received most every award a lawyer can win. In December 2017, American Lawyer magazine named him The Litigator of the Year; he was chosen from all the lawyers in the United States, for being the top litigator for a two-year period. He earlier received the Edmund Randolph Award, the highest award the U.S. Justice Department can award a civilian, which the Attorney General presented to him in 2011. He has also been named one of the 40 Most Influential Lawyers of the Last Decade Nationwide by National Law Journal (2010); Appellate MVP by Law360 numerous times; winner of the Financial Times Innovative Lawyer Award for 2017 in two different categories (both private and public law). Neal has published dozens of scholarly articles in law journals, as well as op-ed articles in every widely read U.S. newspaper, and has testified numerous times before various committees of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and Dartmouth College.

In 2019, after Trump was accused of soliciting foreign interference in the presidential election to help his re-election bid, Neal co-wrote Impeach: The Case Against Donald Trump, with Sam Koppelman, which debuted at #2 on the New York Times Best Seller list. In 2020, Neal gave his TED Talk How To Win An Argument (At The US Supreme Court, or Anywhere), which has more than 1.5 million views to date.

Neal is a frequent contributor to MSNBC and the New York Times, has been named one of GQ's Men of the Year and has appeared on virtually every major American news program, as well as House of Cards, where he played himself. Currently he has a daily post-election litigation explainer series on Instagram and YouTube called Courtside, which he launched to inform people and help ease anxiety.