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### **Dan Rayfield Sworn in as Oregon's 18th Attorney General**

**(Portland, Ore.)** - Today, Dan Rayfield was sworn in as Oregon's 18th Attorney General. Outgoing Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum gave brief remarks to open the ceremony, Governor Kotek spoke about partnership between their two offices, and Senior United States District Judge Marco A. Hernandez administered the oath of office.

In remarks after taking the oath, Rayfield laid out his vision for the office and his commitment to serving Oregonians across the state. In part, Rayfield said:

"The significance of this responsibility could not come at a more meaningful time in our state's and our nation's history. There is no other job I'd rather have the opportunity to take on."

"As Oregon's Attorney General I will always do my best to never lose sight of the trust and responsibility given to me by Oregonians. That trust will serve as a guiding light for me and my team as we navigate the day-to-day challenges of this work."

"There is a tremendous amount of opportunity that comes with the responsibility of this office. The work of the Oregon Department of Justice and the people who keep it running impacts the lives of most Oregonians. Together, we will take on the responsibility of keeping our communities and our kids safe, protect seniors and consumers from frauds and scams, stand up for working families, ensure child support shows up on time for families who rely on it, support victims of crime so they have a voice in our criminal justice system, and uphold the rule of law and Oregon's values."

"I am a firm believer that your worst moments in life don't have to define who you can become. 27 years ago, I was 18 years old, standing before Judge Marco Hernandez as a young defendant in his courtroom. Judge Hernandez spoke sternly to me. He told me he never wanted to see me in his courtroom again. Today, I stood before the same man and took the oath of office to serve as Oregon's 18th Attorney General."

Rayfield attended Tigard High School and earned his undergraduate degree at Western Oregon University. He attended Willamette University's law School and was admitted to the Oregon Bar in 2006. Dan spent 18 years in private practice working on consumer protection cases, and served in the legislature for a decade representing Corvallis and parts of Benton County.

In the legislature, Rayfield spent four years as Co-Chair of the Ways and Means committee before being elected Speaker of the House. His tenure as Speaker was marked by significant achievements and a commitment to advancing the health and economic wellbeing of Oregonians, from enacting the nation's strongest abortion protections to unprecedented investments in Oregon's semiconductor industry, education, and housing. Dan lives in Corvallis with his wife Amanda and his son Adam.

On December 21, Rayfield announced the formation of a Federal Oversight and Accountability Cabinet as one of his first initiatives as Attorney General. Read more about the Cabinet [here](#).

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