

Biography of Alaska Attorney General Daniel S. Sullivan

Federal Government Service

Prior to becoming Attorney General, Sullivan served as the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs. His nomination by the President for this position was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate in May 2006 and he served until January 2009. In this role, he was a senior advisor to the Secretary of State and other top U.S. government officials on the formulation and execution of international economic, energy, trade, finance, transportation, telecommunications and Arctic policies. Sullivan also led and managed the 200-employee State Department Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs.

As the Assistant Secretary of State, much of Sullivan's work focused on international energy issues. He served as the U.S. Governing Board member of the Paris-based International Energy Agency – the world's premier energy security organization. He and the State Department bureau he led worked closely with the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects on Alaska gas pipeline issues. Sullivan also was responsible for overseeing and leading several complex international negotiations of strategic importance to the United States, including serving as the primary negotiator for the President at the Group of Eight (G8) Summits.

Prior to serving as the Assistant Secretary of State, Sullivan was a Director in the International Economics Directorate of the National Security Council and National Economic Council staffs at the White House

Alaska Law Background

Sullivan is one of a select number of Alaska attorneys who has held judicial clerkships on both the highest state and highest federal courts in Alaska. He was a judicial law clerk for Judge Andrew Kleinfeld of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Fairbanks from 1997-98, and was a judicial law clerk for Chief Justice Warren Matthews of the Alaska Supreme Court in Anchorage from 1998-99. Following his clerkships, Sullivan joined the Anchorage office of Perkins, Coie, LLP. His practice focused on corporate transactions and commercial litigation, and he represented a variety of clients, including Alaska small businesses and Native corporations.

U.S. Military Service

Sullivan has served in the United States Marine Corps since 1993 on active duty and in the reserves as an infantry and reconnaissance officer, including with Second Battalion, Fifth Marines at Camp Pendleton, California, and for several years with Anchorage-based Echo Company, Fourth Reconnaissance Battalion – the Marine Corps Reserve's premier cold weather reconnaissance unit. In recent years, Sullivan has been recalled to active duty twice: in January 2009 to help draft a regional strategy report for the Commander of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) General David Petraeus, and from December 2004 until April 2006 to serve as a strategic advisor to CENTCOM Commander General John Abizaid. During this period, Sullivan spent substantial time deployed in the CENTCOM theater of operations.

Academic Background

Sullivan graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University, earning a bachelors degree in Economics, where he was a Harvard College scholar during each of his four years. Sullivan graduated *cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center, earning a Juris Doctor and Masters of Science in Foreign Service joint degree. He was an articles editor on the *Georgetown Law Journal* and a contributing author to the *Georgetown Criminal Procedure Project*. During his final year at Georgetown, Sullivan worked as a law clerk for Judge James L. Buckley on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Awards, Honors, and Personal Information

Sullivan is the recipient of numerous professional, academic, and military awards, including the White House Fellowship, the National Security Council Outstanding Service Award, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Sullivan was born in Fairview Park, Ohio. He has been married for 15 years to Julie Fate Sullivan of Fairbanks. They moved to Alaska in 1997, after Sullivan completed active duty service with the Marine Corps. They have three daughters, two of whom were born in Anchorage.