

Hanaway sworn in as 45th Attorney General

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Prologue

Hanaway has been in the position since September, and the ceremony was symbolic of her views on her new position.

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JEFFERSON CITY — Catherine Hanaway said that her new job as attorney general is to “protect the good guys” during her swearing in ceremony.cq

Hanaway has been officially serving in the position since Sept. 8 after being sworn in during a private ceremony.cq She filled the role after Andrew Bailey left the position on the same day to become the co-deputy director of the FBI.cq

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Hanaway was chosen for the position by Gov. Mike Kehoe, who spoke at the ceremony.cq Kehoe was a member of the state Senate serving at the same time that Hanaway was the speaker of the house and mentioned the personal relationship the two have.cq

“I couldn’t think of anybody better to make sure that she represented the ladies and men in our communities,” Kehoe said. “It was clear to us that she would be the right person for the job.”ac

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Hanaway is the first woman to serve as Missouri’s attorney general,cq in addition to having been the first and only woman elected as speaker of the house in 2003.She has a history of being the first, as she was the first and only woman elected as Speaker of the House for the Missouri House of Representatives in 2003.cq

After her swearing in, Hanaway spoke briefly about being the first woman elected as attorney general, and said that to her, “it means that the American promise is still alive. That you can work hard, dream big, and grow up to be whatever you want to be.”ac

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Hanaway was sworn in by Judge Kelly Broniec of the Supreme Court of Missouri.cq The new attorney general was joined on stage by her husband, two children, and mother as she took the oath of office.cq

During her formal remarks, Hanaway spoke about how she is approaching her new responsibilities.cq

“At its core, being the attorney general is a job,” Hanaway said. “It’s a job that I take very seriously and do in a workman-like fashion, hewing closely to the core mission, and leading the men and women who are in that office.”ac

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She also spoke about her views on the position.

“Put simply, our job is to go after the bad guys, and to protect the good guys from an overzealous government,” she said.ac

Child images

Attorney General Catherine Hanaway gets sworn in



Attendees watch as Attorney General Catherine Hanaway is sworn in



Congresswoman Ann Wagner speaks during Missouri Attorney General



Attorney General Catherine Hanaway delivers a speech after being sworn in

