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RUSSELL COLEMAN

52nd Attorney General of Kentucky

*Online Child Exploitation and Efforts
to Combat this Growing Threat*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

Lesar Law Building | Reception: 5 p.m. | Lecture: 5:30 p.m.

On November 7, 2023, Russell Coleman was elected the 52nd Attorney General of Kentucky, winning 117 out of 120 counties.

Prior to that, Coleman spent most of the past two decades in public service. In 2017, he was nominated by President Trump and unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be the United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky. In that capacity, he was the chief federal law enforcement officer for Kentucky's 53 western counties ranging from Louisville to the Jackson Purchase Region.

Coleman previously served as a Partner in the law firm of Frost, Brown, Todd; as a prosecutor in the Oldham Commonwealth's Attorney's Office; and as Legal Counsel to U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell.

A former FBI Special Agent, he was assigned to multiple field offices and served a temporary assignment in Iraq in support of the Global War on Terror. A significant spinal cord injury cut short his career with the FBI. After substantial therapy at Louisville's Frazier Rehab Institute, Coleman learned to walk again.

Coleman was raised in Graves, Daviess, and Logan Counties, graduating from Logan County High School. He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kentucky.

Russell lives in Oldham County with his wife, Ashley, and their three children.

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