

Doug Jones

U.S. Senator (D-AL) 2018-2021, Former U.S. Attorney

In an eminent career dedicated to public service and built on fighting “impossible” battles, Doug Jones has often been the voice for those who did not have one. He turned the tide in his home state of Alabama when, in 2017, he became the first Democrat from the state to win a U.S. Senate seat in 25 years — making international headlines and shocking the establishment in the process. While on Capitol Hill, he solidified his reputation as a legislative force and consensus builder who played a key role in passing more than two dozen bipartisan bills into law in just three years. During his tenure, he was a member of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee; and the Committee on Aging. He also served on the Homeland Security Committee for one year prior to joining the Armed Services Committee. Jones is widely respected for his commitment to common-sense “kitchen table” politics seeking to tackle the toughest issues of the day to drive America forward.

Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Jones offers audiences refreshingly candid, middle-of-the-road insights on the issues keeping our nation’s leaders and lawmakers up at night. From education and immigration to criminal justice and national security, he dissects American politics, law, and society in a comprehensible way, while sticking to the facts and letting audience members shape their own opinions on the topic of the day. His anecdotes offer what feels like a front-row seat to some of the most important conversations in recent history, while his analysis helps organizations and individuals understand the impact of specific issues on their businesses and everyday lives.

Along with being the establishment-breaking U.S. Senator from Alabama, Jones is a celebrated prosecutor and former U.S. Attorney appointed by President Bill Clinton who successfully prosecuted the two former Klansmen responsible for the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombings that took the lives of four young black girls. Having gone unsolved for almost 40 years, the trial received national attention and earned Jones numerous plaudits as he brought long-overdue justice for the victims of the attack. Prior to his tenures in Congress and as a U.S. Attorney, Jones held roles in private practice law, as an assistant U.S. Attorney, and as staff counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for Alabama Senator Howell Heflin.

Following the conclusion of his term in the Senate, Jones has regularly shared his political and legal insights on CNN, MSNBC NPR, and a host of other media outlets. He serves as a distinguished senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and counsel at the Washington, D.C.-based law firm ArentFox Schiff, LLP. He has served as a fellow at the Georgetown Institute of Politics and Public Service, a fellow at the University of Chicago Institute of Politics, a visiting professor at Boston College School of Law, and is active in a variety of political and civic organizations. He is the author of the book, *Bending Toward Justice: The Birmingham Church Bombing that Changed the Course of Civil Rights*, which provides an unprecedented, behind-the-scenes look at Jones’ landmark prosecution.

In 2022, he was selected by President Joe Biden to be the Nomination Advisor for Legislative Affairs helping to guide the selection, nomination, and successful bipartisan confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Among various awards and achievements, Jones was presented with Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship, the Abraham Lincoln Leadership for America award and the “Spirit of Enterprise Award from the US Commerce, the Lifetime Achievement Award, as well as the Distinguished Service Award from the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and recognitions from the Military Officers Association of America, the National Rural Health Association, and many more.

He has received bipartisan praise from his fellow lawmakers and remains an unapologetic advocate for people over party when it comes to making elections more competitive, energizing grassroots efforts, and upholding the values of our nation.