

## Michael Mukasey

81st Attorney General of the United States

**Balancing National Security and Civil Liberties.** During his tenure on the bench, Mukasey earned a reputation as a no-nonsense law-and-order judge, steeped in the intricacies of national security. He ruled on the noteworthy cases of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, Jose Padilla (the so-called “dirty bomber”), and Susan Lindauer, all of which dealt with issues surrounding national security, civil liberties, and balancing the two. Mukasey has also written articles and opinions on the Patriot Act which were published in the *Wall Street Journal*. Having heard many high-profile terrorism cases during his time as a judge, Michal Mukasey is adept at addressing the intricacies of balancing our national security and our civil liberties.

**Domestic and International Law.** Michael Mukasey has a legal background spanning more than 40 years, including 18 years as a judge in the southern district of New York. As such, he has a vast understanding of the law and legal issues. He can address subjects such as the death penalty, tort reform, and the legal implications of topics like torture, trying terrorists on U.S. soil, the fiscal crisis, prolonged detention, and more.

**The Intersection of Politics and Law.** Judge Mukasey has seen law in its many arenas and has worked closely with public officials in order to enforce and maintain our current legal system. He can address our current political environment and how it is affecting our view of different legal issues and our choices of what issues to pursue, including topics like health care and the Tea Party’s aim to have every bill in Congress reference its Constitutional provision.

**The Strategy and Law behind Our Detention Policy.** Due to his vast experience ruling on terrorism cases, Judge Michael Mukasey addresses how we treat the people that we capture in the courses of our investigations and wars. Believing that people are primarily intelligence assets, Mukasey discusses the legal implications of our detention policy and how he believes it could be improved.