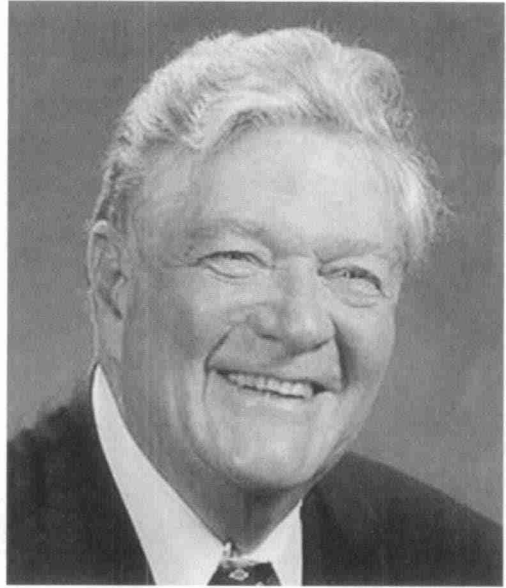


Treasurer Kopp chairs both the Capital Debt Affordability Committee and the Commission on State Debt, and is the chief representative of the State in dealing with financial rating agencies and investment banking firms. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension Systems, as Chair of the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board, and as a member of the Maryland Supplemental Retirement Board, the Maryland Health and Higher Education Financing Authority, and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Board. Chief among the Treasurer's responsibilities is her position on the Board of Public Works with the Governor and the Comptroller of Maryland. The Board supervises a substantial portion of the fiscal affairs of the State - everything from wetlands licenses to construction projects and other State procurements and contracts.

For twenty-seven years prior to her election as Treasurer, Ms. Kopp represented the Bethesda, Maryland area in the Maryland House of Delegates. As a member of the House of Delegates, Treasurer Kopp chaired the Joint Committee on Spending Affordability, as well as the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Economic Development. She also served on the Capital Budget Subcommittee, Subcommittee on Pensions, and Joint Committee on Budget and Audits, and, at various times, as Deputy Majority Leader and Speaker Pro Tem. During her legislative career, Treasurer Kopp was named by her colleagues as the most effective woman legislator and one of the ten most effective members of the House.

Treasurer Kopp has been active in a variety of national, regional and state organizations and boards over the years, primarily focused on education, and on budgeting and finance issues. Appointed by President Clinton to the National Assessment Governing Board, which oversees the National Assessment of Educational Progress (the "Nation's Report Card"), she was also the Treasurer of the Southern Regional Education Board, and chaired its Commission on Educational Quality. In addition, she served on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and chaired its Assembly on Legislative Issues, and Committees on Federal Budget Issues, State Fiscal Issues, and Capital Budgeting Procedures. Moreover, Treasurer Kopp served as Vice-Chair of the National Commission on State and Local Budget and Finance Procedures.

A graduate of Wellesley College, Treasurer Kopp holds an M.A. in Government from the University of Chicago. She also has received Honorary Doctorate degrees from Hood College, the University of Maryland at Baltimore, the University of Maryland University College, and Towson University. She and her husband, Robert Kopp, live in Bethesda, Maryland and have two adult children.



J. JOSEPH CURRAN, JR.
Attorney General
(Democrat)

J. Joseph Curran, Jr., Attorney General of Maryland since 1987, was born in West Palm Beach, Florida, on July 7, 1931. He attended Baltimore parochial schools, Loyola High School, the University of Baltimore, and the University of Baltimore School of Law (LL.B., 1959). Mr. Curran served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict, with duty in Japan and Korea.

In 1986, Mr. Curran was elected Attorney General after serving four years as Lieutenant Governor with Governor Harry R. Hughes. In 1990, 1994, 1998, and 2002, he won re-election. Under Mr. Curran, the Attorney General's Office has been a national leader in consumer protection, criminal investigations, Medicaid fraud prosecution, securities regulation, and antitrust enforcement.

During his tenure, Mr. Curran has worked tirelessly on behalf of children and teens, parents, seniors, victims of domestic violence and sexual predators, and all Marylanders concerned about crime, gun violence, prescription drug abuse, and the potential impact of casino gambling.

Children & Teens. Mr. Curran has launched a variety of initiatives to help Maryland's children. To protect them against sexual predators, he championed a 2004 law making it a crime to solicit a minor by computer or other means to engage in unlawful sexual conduct. He also has proposed lifetime parole supervision for sex offenders and better notification to communities when sex offenders are released from prison. To reduce teen tobacco use, he led Maryland's participation in the landmark \$206 billion national settlement with the tobacco industry, which garnered \$4.4 billion for Maryland, and industry concessions on advertising and marketing cigarettes to teens. He has since filed suits to stop unlawful Internet cigarette sales and the use of hip-hop themes to target youth, and has reached agreements