

Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman

On January 10, 2005, Becky Skillman was sworn in as the first woman elected to the position of Lt. Governor in the State of Indiana.

Lt. Governor Skillman began her career as a public servant in 1977 when she was elected as the Lawrence County Recorder. Eight years later, the voters of Lawrence County chose Becky to serve as County Clerk. In 1992, Hoosiers in five southern Indiana counties elected Lt. Governor Skillman to represent them in the Indiana Senate. Rising quickly through the ranks, she held the second highest position as Majority Caucus Chair, becoming the first woman in Senate Republican leadership.

Now, serving as the fiftieth Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, Becky Skillman is a full partner with Governor Mitch Daniels on all matters of state government. She is responsible for shepherding the Administration's legislative agenda through the Indiana General Assembly and serves as President of the Senate.

In addition to her legislative responsibilities, Lt. Governor Skillman also oversees the Office of Tourism Development, Energy Group and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. She chairs the Indiana Counter Terrorism and Security Council, the intergovernmental entity responsible for homeland security. She also serves as the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development under the state's, new and first ever, Department of Agriculture and Office of Rural Affairs.

Growing up in rural Indiana, Becky has a passion for dealing with the needs of rural communities and has taken pride in having served as President of the Association of Indiana Counties. During her 12 years in the Senate, she led the charge to include the state's small towns and rural communities in its economic development agenda. There, she authored plans for development in distressed counties and revitalization of downtown areas.

Lt. Governor Skillman relies on the principles of faith, family and hard work to guide her. She and her husband, Steve, have a son Aaron.