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TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE REX E. LEE
SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
1981-85

Rex E. Lee held a variety of jobs in his thirty-year legal career, and through them established himself as a skilled appellate litigator and a respected legal educator. Rex Lee received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1963, and served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White during the 1963 term. He then joined the law firm of Jennings, Strouss, Salmon & Trask in Phoenix, Arizona.

Rex Lee practiced until 1971, when he left to become the founding Dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. He served in that capacity until 1975, when he became Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice, and then, in 1981, Solicitor General of the United States.

In 1985, Rex Lee returned to private practice with the law firm of Sidley & Austin, and returned to teaching constitutional law as the George Sutherland Chair of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School. In 1989, Rex Lee was named President of Brigham Young University, and continued to serve in that capacity until less than three months before his death on March 11, 1996. Throughout his term with the university, Rex Lee maintained his private practice, and argued during his career over 50 cases before the Supreme Court.



Rex. E. Lee
Solicitor General of the United States 1981-85