

BIOGRAPHY

Jennifer Brunner is an attorney, author, commentator, government affairs strategist and crisis specialist who counsels clients on effectively making their case before government and in the public forum. She is the founding partner of the Columbus, Ohio USA law firm of Brunner Quinn, since 1988. She served in elective office as Ohio's first woman Secretary of State from 2007-2011 and as a state trial court judge from 2000-2005. Since leaving office she has consulted as an expert internationally on political finance and public outreach and provided political commentary for local to international media outlets.



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Brunner's work while in office in improving Ohio's elections received national recognition, including the nation's most prestigious award for elected public servants, the bipartisan John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, for what Caroline Kennedy called, "her dauntless commitment to the enfranchisement of every Ohio voter." Before serving as Ohio's 52nd Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner was elected twice judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court where she received state, national and international recognition for her work in starting the county's first adult felony drug court with a specific focus on poverty. In 2010, Brunner ran for the U.S. Senate from Ohio.

Since leaving public office Brunner formed and chaired an Ohio voting rights coalition, Fair Elections Ohio, responsible for protecting early voting in the 2012 Presidential election through a statewide election referendum. Brunner is the author of *Cupcakes and Courage*, a book about her state and national political experiences advocating individual political empowerment. She is working on a second book, *Once Upon an Apple, Why Corruption Matters*. Jennifer Brunner is a mother of three adult children and a grandmother. She and her husband, Rick, also an attorney, have been married since 1978.