Mike Hunter was elected as Oklahoma’s eighteenth attorney general on November 6, 2018.

As attorney general, he has made the safety and security of all Oklahomans one of his top priorities. Determined to end the state’s opioid overdose and addiction epidemic, his office has taken a multidisciplinary approach to solving the problem.

Shortly after taking office, he formed the Oklahoma Commission on Opioid Abuse. The commission brought all stakeholders to the table and saw seven pieces of legislation become law in 2018.

Oklahoma’s lawsuit to hold opioid manufacturers was the first to go to trial out of the more than 2,000 other lawsuits filed around the nation. The historic trial lasted nearly eight weeks and Hunter and his team secured a major victory for the state, as the evidence convinced the judge to rule in the state’s favor, holding Johnson & Johnson accountable and requiring the company to abate the ongoing opioid epidemic in Oklahoma.

The judge’s ruling is the first of its kind in the country to find an opioid manufacturer liable for the harm caused from the opioid crisis in the United States.

Prior to the trial, two defendants settled with the state for a combined $355 million. The bulk of the money will go to the OSU Center for Wellness & Recovery to create an endowment at the university, which will go toward treating the ongoing addiction epidemic nationwide. The remainder of the funds will go toward abating the epidemic.

Through the consumer protection unit, Hunter’s office has successfully prosecuted scam artists, shutting down their illicit enterprises. At the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Hunter’s office represents rate payers and ensures Oklahomans aren’t paying more than what is necessary for utility services. Since he has been in office, his team has secured several settlement agreements with electric companies that have returned money to ratepayers or have held them harmless.

Hunter also continues upholding the values most important to Oklahomans by defending First Amendment rights and protecting religious liberties.

Hunter received his law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law and his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University, making him the state’s first attorney general to receive an undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State.

He has been married to his wife Cheryl for 38 years. They have two adult sons and a daughter-in-law, Barrett, his wife Rachael and Brock.