

Mark Ritchie

Minnesota Secretary of State



2008 SENATE RACE: LESSONS LEARNED

In 2009, Ritchie received the Election Verification Network's national recognition award for his long-standing efforts to promote fair and accurate elections as well as his leadership during the 2008 General Election and recount of the US Senate race that followed.

As Secretary of State, Mr. Ritchie:

- Partners with township, city, and county officials to organize elections on behalf of Minnesota's 3.7 million eligible voters.
- Oversees a wide range of services provided by the Office of Secretary of State including:
 - business filings
 - archiving of official documents
 - administering the appointments process for state-level commissions
 - operating the Safe at Home address confidentiality program
- Sits on the state Executive Council, the State Board of Investment, and on the board of the Minnesota Historical Society.

In the 1980s, he worked in the MN Department of Agriculture for Governor Perpich, addressing the economic crisis threatening family farmers and rural communities. From 1988 to 2006, he served as president of the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.

In 2008 Secretary Ritchie was named the Most Valuable State Official in the United States by *The Nation* magazine and Politician of the Year by *Politics in Minnesota*, the state's leading non-partisan political news journal.



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WHEN:

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

WHERE:

Miller Center Auditorium • Room 122

TIME:

11:00 - 11:50 a.m. Speech with Q&A

11:50 - 12:10 p.m. Reception

12:10 - 12:50 p.m. The conversation continues

