Doug Emhoff

Douglas Craig Emhoff[1] (born October 13, 1964) is an American lawyer who is the current second gentleman of the United States.[2] He is married to Vice President Kamala Harris. As the first-ever husband of a U.S. vice president, Emhoff is the first second gentleman in American history. He is also the first Jewish spouse of a vice president.[3]

Emhoff began his career as an entertainment lawyer. He was managing director of Venable's West Coast offices and later became a partner at DLA Piper. He is also a distinguished visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center.

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Early life and education

Emhoff was born in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, the son of Jewish parents, Barbara and Michael Emhoff.[4] He has a brother Andy and a sister Jamie.[5] From 1969 to 1981, he grew up in Matawan and Old Bridge Township, New Jersey, and attended Cedar Ridge High School.[6] When he was 17 years old, he moved with his family to California when he was 17 years old,[7] where he graduated from Agoura High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Northridge and a Juris Doctor from the USC Gould School of Law in 1990.[8]

Career

Emhoff is an entertainment litigator and began his career at Pillsbury Winthrop's litigation group. He moved to Belin Rawlings & Badal, a boutique firm, in the late 1990s. He opened his own firm with Ben...
In December 2020, Georgetown University Law Center announced that Emhoff would join the school's faculty as a distinguished visitor and as a distinguished fellow of the school's Institute for Technology Law and Policy.[14]

Second Gentleman of the United States

Emhoff's wife Kamala Harris was a candidate in the 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries before dropping out in December 2019.[15] In August 2020, Harris was announced as Joe Biden's running mate for the presidential election, making Emhoff the third man in U.S. history to be a spouse of the vice presidential candidate of a major party, following John Zaccaro (spouse of Geraldine Ferraro) and Todd Palin (spouse of Sarah Palin).[16] When Harris assumed office, Emhoff became the first second gentleman of the United States.[17] He is also the first Jewish spouse of a U.S. vice president.[8][18][19][12]

In his role as second gentleman, Emhoff plans to focus on equal access to justice and legal representation.[20]

Personal life

Emhoff was married for 16 years to Kerstin Emhoff, née Mackin.[21] They have two children, Cole and Ella.[22][23] He married Kamala Harris on August 22, 2014, in Santa Barbara, California, with Kamala's sister Maya Harris officiating.[24] As of August 2019, Emhoff and Harris had an estimated net worth of $5.8 million.[25] The couple will reside at Number One Observatory Circle, while maintaining homes in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.[26]

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