

2016 Champion of State Criminal Justice Reform Award Recipient



Senator Gerald Malloy has served in the South Carolina State Legislature since 2002. He represents District 29 encompassing Chesterfield, Darlington, Lee and Marlboro Counties. Mr. Malloy is also a lawyer in private practice handling personal injury, criminal defense and family law cases.

Senator Malloy has been the Chairman of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Task Force in the South Carolina Senate since 2006. He was instrumental in the passage of the 2010 Omnibus Crime Reduction and Sentencing Reform Act that implemented alternatives to incarceration and treatment for those addicted to substances. He is the past President of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association. He is also a member of Lions Club International and a life member of the University of South Carolina Letterman Association; and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Senator Malloy received both his B.S. and J.D. from the University of South Carolina. He is admitted to practice in the South Carolina Courts and Federal District Court.

He is known as a hardworking legislator advocating across the aisle. When Senator Clementa Pinckney was killed along with eight other parishioners in his church by a young man who embraced the confederate flag, Senator Malloy became a champion lobbying his fellow members to vote for its removal from the State Capitol Dome. Malloy said he was “proud that the Senate followed the example of the Emanuel AME families who offered forgiveness to the gunman.” He cited lawmakers' willingness to accept that the Confederate flag is a painful symbol to many South Carolinians. And at the passage of the bill that would remove the flag, he said, “Obviously we have done something momentous, something very historic...there is no time for victory laps, there are no winners and losers; we are just trying to end up making certain that we move this state forward.”

Mr. Malloy's nomination was supported by all 16 of the Circuit Public Defenders in South Carolina. He is the first legislator to receive the award. He is married with four children.