



Adam Edelen

**AUDITOR OF
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**



John T. Kemper III

SECTION 1	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	
<i>Education</i>	Bachelor of Science, University of Kentucky (1998)	Fayette County Public Schools; University of Kentucky, degrees in Psychology and Sociology
<i>Occupation</i>	Business consultant	Home Builder, remodeling and land development
<i>Family</i>	I am the proud father of twin five-year-old boys.	Wife - Sue, of 17 years Children - Macy (age 9) and Cole (age 6)
<i>Civic/Religious Involvement</i>	Served as Chairman of the Board for KET, Lexington Urban League, and United Way of the Bluegrass Annual Giving Campaign. Previous Member, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.	Rosemont Baptist Church - Deacon, Leadership Council, Sunday School teacher, Angel Food ministry
<i>Personal Interests</i>	Fowl hunting, fishing, watching University of Kentucky basketball and football, watching my sons play t-ball and basketball, and reading (usually biographies)	Hunting, fishing, gun training with my family, helping friends with home repairs, working on the farm
SECTION 2	RESPONSES	
<i>As a candidate for Auditor of Public Accounts, what do you believe is the most important issue facing Kentucky citizens?</i>	"I have always believed that the two most important things we can do to move Kentucky forward are create the world-class schools our children deserve and build an economy that provides for everyone willing to work."	"The state debt. Over the last 10 years, Kentucky has added \$6 billion in new bonds and \$34 billion in new unfunded pensions. The Auditor has the access to find cost savings."
<i>How will you ensure a more efficient and effective government?</i>	"I'll use the skills I learned from 10 years as a high-level executive in the private sector and apply them to state government. Government must be accountable to the taxpayer just as businesses are accountable to their shareholders."	"Audit every invoice. As Auditor, I will expand this method for all public spending statewide. It's past time for our government to use common sense found in the private sector."
<i>If elected, what do you see as your role in protecting private citizen information and preventing identity theft?</i>	"Our state legislators have an obligation to keep up with this rapidly evolving issue and pass laws that protect private information and prevent identity theft. My role as auditor will be to make sure legislators are well-informed."	"The state's computer technology is critical to security of our most personal information. This is one of the Auditor's main responsibilities."
<i>What would your top three priorities be if elected as Auditor of Public Accounts?</i>	"My platform is based on increased accountability, transparency, and common sense. One idea that encompasses all of these is to create an online 'Taxpayer Dashboard' so Kentuckians can easily track government performance in dozens of indicators."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A debt-free Kentucky. 2. On-line review of public revenue and spending. If they can't hide it, they can't waste it. 3. Independent auditing across political parties, no insider or lobbyist influence."



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<p><i>What are your recommendations for trimming the budget and cutting government waste?</i></p>	<p>“The auditor’s office should prioritize its efforts so that its manpower and resources are spent on those areas which lead to the biggest taxpayer savings. A close examination of waste in key areas potentially saves tens of billions of dollars.”</p>	<p>“Our office will look at the largest expenditures first to find the largest efficiencies, waste and fraud as quickly as possible.”</p>
<p><i>What are your specific plans for ensuring that the taxpayers’ money is properly used?</i></p>	<p>“I’ll create an online ‘Taxpayer Dashboard’ so Kentuckians can easily track government performance in dozens of indicators ranging from the economy to education to public health. After all, sunlight is the best disinfectant.”</p>	<p>“On-line public spending and revenue. The Auditor has full access to all public spending. I intend to be the independent auditor called for in KRS 43.050 and represent the people of Kentucky.”</p>
<p><i>After four years, what will your office have accomplished to improve life in Kentucky?</i></p>	<p>“We need to cut the fat and replace it with muscle. By cutting waste, fraud, and abuse, we’ll have more money to invest in providing world-class schools for our children and building a strong economy to move Kentucky forward.”</p>	<p>“I intend to help pay down our \$10 billion of bonded indebtedness and reduce the amount of the underfunded pensions to meet our moral obligation to the 38,000 state retirees, while not placing undue burden on the tax payers.”</p>
<p><i>What strengths do you possess that make you the best candidate for this office?</i></p>	<p>“I have a ten-year track record of making businesses more efficient and effective and have also worked at the highest levels of state government. Together, the skills I’ve demonstrated in these leadership positions uniquely qualify me for this office.”</p>	<p>“My private business background, creating companies which create jobs, employee folks and the creative problem solving skills required to operate a business. I have no desire to turn politics into a career, so the establishment folks will not influence my decisions.”</p>
<p><i>Why would you be more effective in this office than your opponent?</i></p>	<p>“My opponent has not worked at the highest levels of both government and business. As someone who has done both, I have a much stronger track record in which voters can base their decision.”</p>	<p>“I have not been inside the government and have NO relationship with the folks who have spent us into oblivion. I will be able to make difficult decisions without concern for personal relationships. I am not going to Frankfort to make friends, rather to solve a game-ending problem.”</p>
<p><i>To know you more personally, what issue(s), unrelated to the office you seek, are you passionate about?</i></p>	<p>“I’m passionate about hunting, particularly wing shooting. I’ve been doing it since I was a child. To be out in nature – especially in a state that has some of the most beautiful landscapes anywhere – relaxes me like nothing else.”</p>	<p>“I enjoy spending time with my children and wife on the farm, fishing, hunting, target practicing and watching wildlife. Volunteering my construction knowledge and skills to my friends brings great satisfaction. Volunteering at my church.”</p>

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SECTION 3	OPTIONAL VALUES QUESTIONS	
<p><i>Amnesty for illegal aliens</i> OR <i>Stronger enforcement of current immigration law</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate declined to respond to the “Optional Values Questions.”</p>	<p>“Stronger enforcement of current immigration law.”</p>
<p><i>Pro-Choice</i> OR <i>Pro-Life</i></p>		<p>“Pro-Life. Life begins at conception.”</p>
<p><i>Domestic partner benefits should become a state policy</i> OR <i>Such benefits should not be an option</i></p>		<p>“Such benefits should not be an option. I would like to see the people vote on this.”</p>
<p><i>Gambling should be expanded</i> OR <i>Should not be expanded</i></p>		<p>“Gambling should not be expanded. I would like to see the people vote on this.”</p>
<p><i>Same-sex marriage should be considered</i> OR <i>Traditional marriage should be protected</i></p>		<p>“Traditional marriage should be protected.”</p>
<p><i>Unions must be able to collect dues from the entire work force</i> OR <i>Kentucky should become a “Right to Work” state</i></p>		<p>“Kentucky should be a ‘right to work’ state.”</p>
<p><i>Kentucky should oppose</i> OR <i>Support the President’s health care program</i></p>		<p>“Oppose the President’s health care program.”</p>