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Bio:

On March 24, 1998, Kevin Deveaux joined 18 other New Democrats to form the largest NDP caucus in Nova Scotia history and was re-elected in 1999, 2003 and 2006.

Kevin was born in Halifax on September 24, 1966. The youngest of five children, he attended school in Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour, graduating from Cole Harbour District High School in 1984.

From 1984 to 1986, Kevin attended St. Mary's University, studying for a Bachelor in Commerce. Prior to finishing his degree, Kevin was accepted at Osgoode Hall Law School and graduated from York University in 1989. He articulated with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, with the Ministry of Labour Legal Services Branch, between 1989 and 1990 and continued to work at that location until 1992.

In 1992, Kevin returned to Nova Scotia where he worked first with the City of Halifax, and then with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice where he worked as a Crown Attorney. From 1993 to 1996, Kevin worked with the Nova Scotia Department of Labour as a Legislation and Policy Review Officer. In that position, he worked with labour and management in drafting the new Occupational Health and Safety Act.

In 1995, Kevin was selected to work with the United Nations International Labour Organization in China. He worked in Beijing with the Chinese Government, employers and unions to draft workplace protection legislation. From 1996 until his election in 1998 Kevin worked with the Nova Scotia Workers' Advisers program, representing injured workers who had claims with the Workers' Compensation Board.

Kevin believes there is a need to bring greater fairness to the justice system. He is tireless in his effort to ensure government appointments fairly reflect the values and cultural diversity of Nova Scotia. Kevin introduced legislation to provide for collective bargaining rights for Crown prosecutors, as well as a bill which would improve the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Kevin is married to Megan (nee: McKay) and they have a son, Ewan and a daughter, Flavie. They reside in Cow Bay.