

**ALEXI GIANNOULIAS** was elected to his first term as Illinois' state treasurer on November 7, 2006. At the age of 30, he became the youngest state treasurer in the nation.

Under his leadership the Treasurer's Bright Start College Savings Program has improved from one of the worst in the nation to the best thanks to its low fees and wide investment options, according to Morningstar Inc. The Treasurer's Office has returned a record \$92 million in lost money known as unclaimed property to Illinois residents and used eBay to sell lost safe deposit box contents to the highest bidders worldwide.

Among his other accomplishments, Giannoulis launched the nation's largest state-backed hybrid rebate program and instituted the toughest ethics package of any elected official in Illinois. He employs innovative investment strategies that focus on safety, security and high rate of return.

Prior to joining public service, Giannoulis was vice president and senior loan officer at Broadway Bank in his hometown of Chicago. Giannoulis graduated cum laude from Boston University and earned a law degree from Tulane University's School of Law in New Orleans.