Bakari Sellers

Bakari Sellers is an attorney and CNN contributor. Recently, he launched his podcast, “Viewpoint with Bakari Sellers” on Westwood One, with guests that have included Hillary Clinton, Mark Cuban, and Charles Barkley. He was a former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and 2014 Democratic Nominee for Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina. Presently he is the first vice chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party.

Bakari Sellers made history in 2006 when, at just 22 years old, he defeated a 26-year incumbent State Representative to become the youngest member of the South Carolina state legislature and the youngest African American elected official in the nation.

After earning his law degree from the University of South Carolina, Sellers has followed in the footsteps of his father, civil rights leader Cleveland Sellers, in his tireless commitment to service taking championing progressive policies to address issues ranging from education and poverty to preventing domestic violence and childhood obesity. He also served on President Barack Obama's South Carolina steering committee during the 2008 election and was named to TIME Magazine’s 40 Under 40 in 2010 as well as 2014 and 2015 “The Root 100” list of the nation’s most influential African-Americans.

He has been a featured speaker at events for the National Education Association, College Democrats of America National Convention, the 2008 Democratic National Convention, and delivered the keynote address to the 2007 AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC. The summer of 2016, Sellers gave one of the opening speeches at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Sellers practices law with the Strom Law Firm, LLC in Columbia, SC. He is married to Dr. Ellen Rucker-Sellers.