

Alex Kolodin **Candidate, AZ Secretary of State**

Alex has been practicing election law in Arizona for over a decade. In 2014, as a rookie lawyer, Alex litigated one of the first cases that established that election-related metadata stored on central count computers was a public record. In 2020, Adrian Fontes tried to give an illegal instruction to every person who voted by mail in Maricopa County. Alex took him to the Arizona Supreme Court and not only won the case, but won the right for every Arizona voter to challenge unlawful acts by elections officials. In 2024, when Adrian Fontes refused to comply with his obligations under the National Voter Registration Act, Alex took him to court and won again.

It was this track record that won Alex recognition from President Trump, who called him “A hell of an attorney” and a “patriot!”

When Arizona families lost access to water, creating a nationally reported crisis that nobody else could solve, Alex negotiated and passed a bill to turn the taps back on.

In 2024, a mistake by Congress threatened to disenfranchise every Arizona voter in the presidential election. Few thought the problem could be solved in Arizona’s overheated partisan environment. Alex stepped up and not only fixed it but sponsored and passed a 29 page election reform package that created legally binding rules for validating the identity of early voters, improved the chain of custody for early ballots, helped ensure that valid provisional ballot voters were not disenfranchised, and required the audit logs for elections systems to be publicly posted on the internet.

Starting in 2026, voters will also enjoy faster results due to this package requiring elections officials to allow voters who drop-off their mail-in ballots at the polls to show ID and, therefore, bypass the time intensive signature verification process.

Recently, as Chair of the Select Committee on Election Integrity and Florida Style Voting Systems, he has been working to pass security measures that would further speed up election results.

For his election-reform achievements, Alex was named a finalist for the national “Best Legislator” award by the State Freedom Caucus Network.

Alex is a graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a former Reagan Fellow at the Goldwater Institute’s Scharf Norton Center for Constitutional Litigation. He lives in Scottsdale with his wife and two children.