

2018 Attorney General Election Winners



Colorado: Phil Weiser

As the son and grandson of Holocaust survivors, I grew up learning about the importance of giving back and standing up for what is right. My mother was born in the Buchenwald concentration camp on April 13, 1945, one day before the U.S. Army liberated her and my grandmother. Growing up, I talked with my grandparents about their unique story of survival and resilience, which continues to inspire me. Whenever I asked my grandmother how she endured, she would tell me, “It’s easier to believe.” She taught me to never give up hope and never stop believing in a better future. That vision and my appreciation for our nation’s fundamental values led me to law school and a career in public service.

After graduating law school, I moved to Colorado and fell in love with the Colorado way of life: the limitless opportunity, the collaborative spirit of people helping one another, the power of innovation, and our access to the outdoors. Colorado is also a great place to raise a family, and my wife Heidi and I settled in Denver, where our two children were born. Colorado’s collaborative and innovative spirit, which I have seen firsthand in every county in our state during this campaign, inspires me each day.

After graduating law school, I worked in Denver for Judge David Ebel on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, then went on to serve as a law clerk at the United States Supreme Court for [Justices Byron White](#) and [Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#). From these great legal minds, I gained a detailed understanding of constitutional law and an unwavering dedication to excellence; learned the value of humility and relationships in legal work; and the power of using our voice to fight for equal justice for all people. Justice White and Justice Ginsburg are two icons of the civil rights movement, with Justice White serving as Robert Kennedy’s Deputy at the Justice Department and Justice Ginsburg spearheading the battle for equal rights for women. Both remain role models and sources of inspiration.

I served in President Clinton's Department of Justice's Antitrust Division before returning to teach as a professor at the University of Colorado Law School. There, I founded the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, litigated civil rights cases, co-chaired Governor Bill Ritter's Innovation Council, and served on President Obama's Transition Team, overseeing the Federal Trade Commission.

I had the honor of serving in the Obama Administration as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice, where I oversaw complex antitrust investigations, worked to strengthen the review of anticompetitive mergers, and spearheaded an effort to promote competition in agriculture. I also served President Obama in the White House as Senior Advisor for Technology and Innovation at the National Economic Council; in that role, I spearheaded what became a bipartisan effort to increase access to wireless spectrum and enable the deployment of an interoperable wireless broadband network for public safety. After returning to Colorado, I led the University of Colorado Law School as its Dean from 2011-16, where I held tuition steady, and more than doubled student scholarships, attracting more applicants than ever before at a time when law school applications had fallen nationwide. In the spirit of giving back and creating strong communities, I took seriously the need to train the next generation of leaders for Colorado, helping students find jobs in a changing environment, and actively supporting entrepreneurship on campus and in the community. I also developed unique community partnerships, working with the Colorado District Attorneys Council to develop a rural DA fellowship program, collaborating with the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association (which honored me for a commitment to mentoring students), and establishing the Korrey Wise Innocence Project.



Connecticut: William Tong

For more than a decade in public service, William Tong has taken on powerful forces and beaten them. As the House Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, William has overall responsibility for Connecticut's legal system. In that role, William took on the National Rifle Association and won, protecting victims of domestic violence by

taking guns away from their abusers. He took on the big banks and overhauled our state's foreclosure laws to help Connecticut families stay in their homes during the financial crisis. He took on a system of mass incarceration to give thousands who made mistakes a second chance to succeed and he reformed an unjust bail system. He took on right-wing extremists and helped to pass historic, first-in-the-nation civil rights laws, including laws to protect the LGBTQ community. William took on these fights alongside Connecticut's families in the name of fairness, justice, and because each was the right thing to do.

A Connecticut native born to immigrant parents, this is a very personal fight for William -- he has always fought for families like his who have worked hard to find opportunity here in our state and our nation. Growing up in the Hartford area, the Tongs owned a Chinese restaurant where William worked alongside his parents before going to Brown University and then the University of Chicago Law School where he was taught by then-Professor Barack Obama. He is currently a lawyer at Finn, Dixon & Herling LLP, one of Connecticut's leading law firms where he practiced law for 14 years.

William took on the fights that matter to Connecticut families and he won. William's record of fighting for Connecticut's citizens and most vulnerable communities shows he's ready to follow in the footsteps of Dick Blumenthal and George Jepsen to take on the fight against the powerful interests that only care about their bottom line, not Connecticut families. And he's ready to take on the harmful policies coming out of Donald Trump's Washington, D.C.

Today, the opportunities that William and his four sisters were given to succeed through the love and hard work of his parents are at risk by the hateful policies coming out of Donald Trump's Washington. The deck is being stacked against the middle class and working families while immigrants and communities of color are being threatened by the hateful and bigoted policies of Donald Trump, and we need leaders who are willing to stand up and fight. That's why William is running for Attorney General, because families like his are being put at risk.

William lives with his wife, Elizabeth, their three children and many pets in Stamford. Elizabeth is Vice President of Tax for North America for the Diageo Corporation.



Delaware: Kathy Jennings

Born and raised in Wilmington by a single mother and loving grandparents. Kathy's mother became the first college graduate of the family by earning her nursing degree when Kathy was a young child. Her grandfather was a Marine who fought on Okinawa during World War II and upon returning home became a proud member of the Carpenters Union. Kathy graduated from Mount Pleasant High School, University of Delaware, and Villanova University Law School before joining the Delaware Department of Justice. She was one of only two women in the Criminal Division's Wilmington office when she started.

Over her career, Kathy prosecuted hundreds of cases: domestic violence, sexual assaults, and homicides. She worked with the FBI, New Castle County, and Delaware State Police in a year-long investigation to identify and arrest a serial killer who tortured and murdered five women. Kathy successfully prosecuted Steven Pennell for these crimes. This case was the first time that DNA analysis was admitted into evidence in a Delaware Court.

After years of service in the office, Kathy was named State Prosecutor, in charge of all criminal prosecutions in Delaware. Later, she served as Chief Deputy Attorney General, the #2 official in the entire Delaware Department of Justice. Kathy developed and implemented the Consumer Fraud Division, after successfully seeking legislation providing protections for consumers. Following her tenure in the Department of Justice, Kathy and former Attorney General Charles Oberly started the law firm of Oberly and Jennings. In private practice, Kathy specialized in trial work, ranging from criminal defense to white collar and regulatory work. She also focused on civil litigation. Kathy's depth of experience gives her a balanced perspective on the criminal justice system.

In January of 2017, Kathy was appointed Chief Administrative Officer of New Castle County by newly elected County Executive Matthew Meyer. As the County's second-in-command, Kathy managed more than 1500 employees and a budget of \$284 million. From June 2017 through December 2017, Kathy

concurrently served as the County's Public Safety Director, overseeing the Police Department, Paramedics and 911 Communications.

Kathy has two adult children, a daughter who lives in Wilmington and a son who lives in Baltimore.



Florida: Ashley Moody

Ashley Moody, a fifth generation Floridian, was born and raised in Plant City, Florida. She attended the University of Florida where she earned her bachelors and masters degrees in accounting and juris doctor. She later attended Stetson University College of Law earning a Masters of Law in International Law.

Ashley began her legal career with the law firm of Holland & Knight where she practiced commercial litigation. While at Holland & Knight, she was recognized as one of Tampa Bay's "40 under 40" distinguished lawyers for her professional and civic contributions. While in private practice, she volunteered assisting domestic violence victims complete injunction petitions and served on a Victims of Crime Act Grant Review Committee.

Ashley subsequently joined the United States Attorney's Office prosecuting drug, firearm, and fraud offenses. While a federal prosecutor, Ashley was commended by the DEA for prosecutorial excellence and outstanding initiative in drug law enforcement. She was also recognized by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for her lead of "Operation Round-Up," a targeted prosecution of violent and repeat offenders.

In 2006, at the age of thirty one, Judge Moody became the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected Circuit Court Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. As a judge, she founded the Attorney Ad Litem program recruiting volunteer attorneys to stand in the place of parents who did not appear

in court with their children. She also developed a mentoring program for at-risk children within the juvenile delinquency system

Ashley served as an adjunct professor at Stetson University College of Law and on the judicial faculty for Florida's New Judges College, Advanced Judicial Studies, and the Circuit Judges Conference. She is a frequent lecturer on crime and justice as well as best practices for Florida attorneys. In 2015, Judge Moody was recognized by the national Legal Services Corporation for her significant contributions to pro bono legal service and was awarded the Florida Supreme Court's Distinguished Judicial Service Award.

Ashley lives with her husband, Justin, a federal law enforcement agent, in Tampa, Florida with their two sons, Brandon and Connor.



Guam: Leevin T Camasho

Throughout his career, Leevin has been an advocate for everyday people. From teaching in the Guam public school system, working with low-income communities in Seattle and Boston, and fighting to protect Pagat Village, Leevin has acted in the service of people.

Leevin attended John F. Kennedy High School and the University of Washington. After graduating from Boston University School of Law, he clerked for the Supreme Court of Guam before entering private practice.

Leevin has been a private practice attorney for the past twelve years, seven as a solo practitioner. He has handled more than one hundred criminal cases and over fifteen Supreme Court of Guam appeals. He has assisted the governments of Guam and the CNMI in reviewing complex environmental impact studies. He has also litigated several land rights and environmental justice cases, including a lawsuit to stop the construction of a firing range complex over Pagat Village and a case challenging the proposed development of a high-rise tower in southern

Guam. He is also local counsel in a national lawsuit seeking to extend voting rights to U.S. citizens living in the territories.

Leevin is running for Attorney General because it is time for a new generation to step up and serve this community -- with vision, passion, and principle.

Leevin is the son of Lolita San Nicolas Taitano (Familian Asan and Familian Lucas) and Vincent G. Camacho (Familian Santiago and Familian Victoriano). He is married to Jennifer Crisostomo Camacho (Familian Beyong and Familian BeckPing), and they have two rowdy children, Tanom and Matua.



II: Kwame Raoul

Kwame Raoul was born in Chicago to Haitian immigrants. A lifelong resident of the Hyde Park/Kenwood area, he completed his undergraduate education at DePaul University and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Kwame started his legal career nearly 25 years ago as a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, handling child welfare cases, prosecuting violent criminals and helping crime victims access resources and exercise their rights. He continued to practice as a labor and employment attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago. Kwame currently serves as a partner in the health law group of Quarles & Brady.

In 2004, Kwame was appointed to fill the vacancy left in the legislature by former State Senator Barack Obama's election to the U.S. Senate. Since then, he's been a leading voice at the state Capitol for equal rights, criminal justice reform and a woman's right to choose. Kwame quickly developed a reputation for leading difficult negotiations and sponsoring landmark legislation, including background checks on private transfers of guns, law enforcement and criminal justice reform and the strongest voting rights protections in the country.

Kwame also enacted tougher penalties for child pornography, assisted communities struggling with the opioid abuse epidemic, helped protect student

athletes from brain injuries, created opportunities for women-owned and minority-owned businesses and empowered survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence by guaranteeing their legal rights and keeping them safe at home and in the workplace. Kwame chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee.

A few years ago, Kwame was diagnosed with prostate cancer – the same thing that took his father and grandfather from him. Thanks to early detection and excellent medical care, he is a survivor today. The experience solidified his commitment to accessible and affordable healthcare for all, because he believes everyone should have the same fighting chance at good health that he had. Kwame was proud to co-sponsor Illinois' expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and he will defend Illinoisans against Republican attempts to take away their healthcare by repealing or weakening the ACA.

As a role model for his public service, Kwame looks to his father, who was a community physician for 30 years on Chicago's South Side. He made house calls and never turned away a patient who was unable to pay. Inspired by his compassion and ethic of service, Kwame will continue fighting for the rights of Illinoisans as their next Attorney General.



MI: Dana Nessel

Dana Nessel is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. She is the President of the Fair Michigan Foundation, where Dana runs a first-of-its-kind anti-hate crime task force. Dana has served as an assistant prosecutor, a civil rights attorney, and a defender of indigent defendants.

Dana began her legal career as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. For over a decade, Dana was assigned to a number of elite units within the office and handled some of Wayne County's most difficult cases. Dana has received numerous awards for her civil rights initiatives, including the "Champion of Justice" award from the Michigan State Bar Association, "Woman of the Year" from Michigan Lawyers Weekly and the "Treasure of Detroit" award

from Wayne State University Law school. Dana lives in southeast Michigan with her wife, Alanna Maguire, their twin sons, Alex and Zach, along with various cats.



MN: Keith Ellison

For the last twelve years, Keith has represented Minnesotans in Congress, where he has championed consumer, worker, and civil rights protections to defend the rights of Minnesotans against the interests of the powerful. He passed laws to fight credit card abuse and to stand up for the rights of tenants and renters, and founded the Congressional Antitrust Caucus and the

Congressional Consumer Justice Caucus. Before being elected to Congress, Keith also served in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Before entering politics, Keith spent 16 years as an attorney specializing in civil rights and defense law, including five years as the Executive Director of the Legal Rights Center. As the leader of this public interest law firm, Keith oversaw a team of attorneys focused on delivering justice for Minnesotans who had nowhere else to turn.

Keith earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990. Keith is the proud father of four children – Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah and Amirah.

MO: TBD because Hawley won for Off-election cycle. [AG Josh Hawley \(R\) won a U.S. Senate seat at 51.5% over Incumbent Sen. Claire McCaskill \(D\) at 45.5%.](#) He has two years left on his AG term. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Missouri Constitution, the Governor will appoint a successor for the remainder of the term



NV: Aaron Ford

Aaron has legal experience before our courts and administrative tribunals, as a law clerk, in private practice, and as an elected official. His first legal job was a federal clerkship with Judge Denise Page Hood, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, in Detroit. Then, following in his wife's footsteps, he was hired as a law clerk to Judge Johnnie B. Rawlinson on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

After his clerkships, Aaron joined Bracewell & Patterson, in Dallas, Texas, where he utilized his unique educational and legal background to represent school districts, universities and municipalities in various areas of school and public law. He then joined Weil Gotshal & Manges as an associate practicing complex commercial litigation. When the Fords moved back to Las Vegas, Aaron joined Snell & Wilmer's litigation group and was promoted to partner a few years later. He is now a partner at Eglet Prince, in Las Vegas, where he focuses on consumer protection.

In addition to having represented small and large businesses, municipalities, and individuals, Aaron has also litigated international child abduction cases under the Hague Convention. He has also volunteered countless hours of pro bono legal services over the course of his career.

In 2010, Aaron embarked upon his first race for Nevada State Senate. Though he was not successful in his bid, he became more resolute in his determination to make a difference. In 2012, Aaron again ran for Senate; this time, he prevailed. During his first legislative session, Aaron served as Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, Vice Chair of the Education Committee, and as a member of the Judiciary Committee. After his first legislative session, Aaron was named "Rookie of the Year" by the Reno Gazette Journal and Freshman of the Year by the Las Vegas Review Journal. He was also named Senator of the Year by the Nevada Conservation League.

Aaron was elected by his colleagues to serve as the State Senate's Minority Leader for the 2015 legislative session, where he led the fight against extreme policies that harmed working families. After leading the effort to reclaim control of the State Senate during the 2016 elections, Aaron became Majority Leader. As the Majority Leader, Aaron led the effort to keep Nevadans safe and strengthen our communities by passing legislation aimed at combating elder abuse, increasing transparency for big pharmaceutical companies, reducing recidivism and criminal-justice costs through improved educational, mental-health and substance-abuse programs, and increasing penalties for criminals who target our brave first responders.

Through it all, Aaron has always made time to give back and serve his community. He has served as a Board Member of the I Have a Dream Foundation, Olive Crest of Nevada, Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada, and the Public Education Foundation. He is also active and has served in several capacities at his church, Victory Missionary Baptist Church, located in Las Vegas.



NY: Letitia James

Tish James is currently serving in her second term as the Public Advocate for the City of New York. She is the first woman of color to hold Citywide office in New York City. As Public Advocate, she serves as a watchdog over New York City government agencies, and an advocate and lawyer for the City's most vulnerable and disenfranchised communities. As Public Advocate, Tish has transformed the office to be a real engine of reform and progress. Her office has handled over 32,000 constituent complaints and passed more legislation than all previous Public Advocates combined, including groundbreaking legislation that bans questions about salary history from the employment process to address the pervasive gender wage gap.

Prior to serving as Public Advocate, Tish James served as the New York City Council Member for the 35th District in Brooklyn. As a Council Member, she passed the Safe Housing Act, legislation that forced landlords to improve living conditions for tenants in New York City's worst buildings. She helped uncover the corruption behind the Office of Payroll Administration's CityTime contract, a scheme that cost New York City over \$600 million. She also pushed through a revolutionary recycling package that included expanding plastic recycling, a new clothing and textile recycling program, and increased access to recycling in public spaces.

Before her election to New York City Council, Tish James served as head of the Brooklyn Regional Office of the New York State Attorney General's Office. She resolved hundreds of consumer complaints and investigated predatory lenders who preyed on first-time homebuyers. She assisted the Civil Rights Bureau in its investigation of the NYPD's stop-and-frisk policy and cracked down on firms engaged in deceptive business practices including violations of human rights, environmental laws, and scams targeting immigrants.

Tish began her career as a public defender at the Legal Aid Society. She is a graduate of Howard University School of Law and Lehman College, and resides in Brooklyn.



OH: David Yost

Dave Yost has spent his life looking for truth and fighting for justice.

Ohio's 32nd Auditor, his public corruption investigations have resulted in more than 165 criminal convictions, and he's found more than \$260 million in potential taxpayer savings.

He served for eight years as the elected prosecutor for Delaware County, winning the first capital murder case in the county's history and taking down the county's largest drug ring. He stood with the victims of crime, from women and children harmed by predators to law enforcement officers injured in the line of

duty.

Dave Yost began his career as an award-winning newspaper reporter for the Columbus *Citizen-Journal*, and later practiced law with Burkam, Yost & Fuller in Delaware, before serving on city council and becoming the county auditor. He and his wife of 38 years, Darlene, have three grown children and three grandchildren. When not in the arena, Dave makes music with his children and friends, watches Buckeye football and resists the urge to eat peanut butter ice cream.



RI: Peter Neronha

On my father's side, I am a descendent of a Portuguese fisherman who came to this country from the Azores in the late 1800's and settled in Jamestown. His son, my grandfather, worked his entire life in the engine rooms of the Jamestown ferries, both from Jamestown to the mainland and from Jamestown to Newport. He was on the boats during the Great Hurricane of 1938, though he lost his car when it was washed away by the tidal wave that swept through the West Ferry. My father served in the Korean War as a forward air traffic controller, rising to Staff Sergeant, and joined the Ferry Company when he came home. He later ran the toll collecting operation at the Newport (later the Pell) Bridge, until he retired in the late 1990's. He is still working today, as a bus monitor in Jamestown, at the age of 88! My mother is the youngest child of German farmers, who came to this country as a young woman in the late 1950's. She worked in a bakery and learned to speak English by taking classes at Rogers High School at night. Together, she and my father raised their three children in Jamestown, and though they never attended themselves, they worked hard to send all of us to college, and my brother and me to law school.



SD: Jason Ravensborg

Jason Ravensborg is a graduate of the University of South Dakota with a B.S. in Political Science and History as well as an Army commission through ROTC. Jason received his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Law while simultaneously obtaining an M.A. in History and also while serving as an editor on Law Review.

He participated in a clerkship after graduation before becoming a partner in the law firm of Harmelink, Fox & Ravensborg in Yankton, SD where he is licensed to practice law in South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska as well as the federal courts of South Dakota and Iowa, the Federal Court of Claims and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Jason also serves as a Deputy States Attorney for Union County in South Dakota.

Jason is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves and has been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Germany during his military career. He has been awarded the Bronze Star along with many other awards and has been honored for his service by Congress. Jason has had four company commands and currently serves as a battalion commander overseeing approximately 1,000 soldiers in South Dakota and Nebraska.

Jason has traveled around the state educating the public about topics like the History of Islam, the Islamic State, and the Iran Nuclear deal. He has most recently traveled the state conducting over 50 town hall meetings and presentations, leading the effort to defeat a number of ballot measures during the 2016 election cycle. Jason pledges to run his campaign and serve as Attorney General as he has done his life. He will be grounded in his Christian faith, his Midwestern work ethic of growing up on a farm and serving with integrity and honor, where his word is his bond. Jason further pledges to 1) travel to every county, every year, 2) lead from the front by discussing the important issues of the day and ordering solutions, 3) keeping his door open for anyone to come visit and ask questions or report concerns and 4) be a strong advocate for law enforcement.



WI: Josh Kaul

Josh has spent much of his career working to keep families safe and to protect the right to vote.

Josh served as a federal prosecutor in Baltimore, one of America's most violent cities. There, Josh worked closely with law enforcement on complex investigations and saw the impact that crime can have.

He prosecuted murderers, gang members, and drug traffickers, taking dangerous criminals off the street and making communities more secure.

When Josh came home to Wisconsin to raise a family, he took on a new challenge: protecting our right to vote. In recent years, state legislatures around the country have made it more difficult to vote in a variety of ways—from reducing early voting to eliminating options for registering to vote. Josh has gone to court to fight back against these laws that restrict access to the ballot box.

Josh grew up in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac, where he attended public schools. He played fullback on his high school football team and first base on the baseball team. Josh's mom, Peg Lautenschlager, spent much of her career working as a prosecutor, and his step-dad, Bill Rippl, was a police officer.

Josh went to college at Yale, where he met his wife, Lindsey. He majored in history and economics and graduated with honors. He then attended Stanford Law School, where he served as President of the Stanford Law Review.

Josh began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge Michael Boudin, who was then the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. After his clerkship, Josh worked for Jenner & Block in Washington, D.C.

Josh and Lindsey are the proud parents of two young boys, Simon and Henry.