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### **Alex Kolodin: Constitutionalist Litigator and Secretary of State Candidate**

Arizona State Representative Alex Kolodin is no stranger to the courtroom—or the Capitol floor. A Scottsdale-based attorney, husband, and father of two, Kolodin has earned a reputation as a principled fighter in both law and legislation. Known for his advocacy on constitutional and election law, he’s emerged as a leading voice for reform, transparency, and voter confidence.

Now, with his sights set on the 2026 race for Arizona Secretary of State, he’s making it clear: election integrity isn’t a talking point—it’s the mission.

### **From the House to the Statewide Stage**

Elected in 2022 to represent Arizona’s 3rd Legislative District, Kolodin quickly made his mark in the Arizona House as a leading figure in the Arizona Freedom Caucus. His legislative tenure has centered on issues that resonate across party lines—water security, economic relief, public safety—and, most prominently, election reform.

### **Key Legislative Highlights:**

- **2024 Election Reform Bill (HB2787):** Kolodin sponsored this bipartisan legislation aligning Arizona’s election laws with the federal Electoral Count Reform Act. The bill introduced signature verification requirements, mandatory public posting of system log files, and enhanced ballot chain-of-custody protocols. The bill also, starting in 2026, allows counties to provide same day tabulation to voters who drop off their ballots on election day, speeding up election results. It’s been hailed as the most comprehensive election reform in Arizona history.
- **Water Access for Rio Verde (2023):** When residents of Rio Verde Foothills faced a devastating water crisis, Kolodin passed legislation restoring access. It passed with a bipartisan supermajority and earned him accolades for solving a pressing community emergency.

- **Economic & Public Safety Advocacy:** Kolodin supported legislation eliminating inflation-driven housing taxes and securing tax rebates for Arizona families. He also backed measures to bolster the state's border strike force and bring Texas-style border protections to the 2024 ballot.

His legislative performance hasn't gone unnoticed. He earned a 100% score from both the Arizona Free Enterprise Club and EZAZ, and his commitment to conservative values has been recognized by the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police, the NRA Political Victory Fund, and Center for Arizona Policy Action.

## 2025 Legislative Activities

In 2025, Kolodin continued to advance his legislative agenda with several notable initiatives:

- **HCR2013 – Florida-Style Election Reform:** Kolodin sponsored the Arizona Free and Fair Elections Act, bringing key elements of Florida's successful election model to Arizona. The measure bans foreign money from funding election administration or ballot measure campaigns, requires frequent verification of the mailing addresses of those on the Active Early Voter List, moves the deadline to drop off early ballots at voting locations to the Friday before Election Day, expands on-site tabulation of early ballots, and eliminates emergency voting after Friday. It has passed the House and is awaiting final vote in the senate. If it passes both chambers it will appear on the 2026 general election ballot.
- **HB2051 – Governor Question Time:** Kolodin introduced a bill requiring the governor to participate in monthly televised questioning by lawmakers, aiming to enhance transparency and accountability in the executive branch. The proposal, inspired by the UK's Prime Minister's Questions, passed out of committee on a party-line vote.
- **HCR2025 – Constitutional Amendment Threshold:** Kolodin sponsored a resolution to increase the threshold for passing citizen-led constitutional amendments from a simple majority to a 60% supermajority. The measure passed the Arizona House and is pending in the Senate.
- **HB2425 – Voter Registration Information:** This bill, introduced by Kolodin, aims to ensure that all parties have equal access to information derived from voter rolls. It passed the House and is under consideration in the Senate.
- **HB2081 – Income Tax Subtraction for Tipped Wages:** Kolodin supported legislation to provide income tax relief for tipped workers by allowing a subtraction for tipped wages. The bill passed the House and is progressing through the Senate.

## A Legal Career Built on Constitutional Fights

Before stepping into politics, Kolodin built a name as a constitutional attorney who wasn't afraid to challenge the powerful. A graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, he founded the Kolodin Law Group and served as a Reagan Fellow at the Goldwater Institute.

### Notable Legal Milestones:

- **Winning Against Adrian Fontes (2020 & 2024):** In 2020, Kolodin took then-Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes to the Arizona Supreme Court for breaking election laws—and won. In 2024, he sued Fontes again, this time forcing the release of key voter list maintenance records under the National Voter Registration Act.
- **Defending Paul Gosar (2022):** Kolodin successfully defended Congressman Paul Gosar's ballot eligibility before the Arizona Supreme Court amid a constitutional challenge.
- **Cyber Ninjas Representation (2021):** He provided legal counsel during the high-profile Maricopa County election audit, reinforcing his position as one of Arizona's most experienced election law attorneys.

Kolodin's legal record has earned praise from constitutional advocacy groups like the Republican Liberty Caucus, who credit him for standing firm in defense of the rule of law, even under political pressure.

### The 2026 Secretary of State Campaign: Platform & Vision

On April 1, 2025, Kolodin officially launched his campaign for Arizona Secretary of State with a promise to “restore trust in a system that belongs to the people—not the politicians.” His announcement struck a tone of urgency and resolve, drawing a sharp contrast with current Secretary Adrian Fontes, whom he accuses of “reckless fearmongering” and bypassing public input on key election rules.

Kolodin's platform is centered on **Three Guiding Principles:**

#### 1. Restoring Voter Confidence

Kolodin argues that many Arizonans—regardless of political affiliation—no longer trust the process.

***“People were given reasons to doubt,” he says.***

***His Goal: Rebuild Faith in Elections by Taking Concerns Seriously, Not Dismissing Them.***

**2. Upholding the Rule of Law**

Kolodin pledges to follow every election law on the books—not just the ones that benefit a political party. He cites his legal battles with Fontes as proof that he’s willing to hold powerful figures accountable and fight for transparency.

**3. Delivering Transparency and Efficiency**

*Kolodin envisions an election process where voters know what’s changing, why it’s changing, and who made the decision—before votes are cast.*

He champions real-time updates on deadlines, policy shifts, and rule changes. His track record in the House, including bipartisan election legislation, suggests he can deliver.

***“I care more about doing the job right than scoring political points,” he says.***

***“Arizona voters deserve competence, clarity, and confidence.”***

**Grounded in Arizona Roots**

Beyond the legislative chambers and courtrooms, **Alex Kolodin is a husband and father committed to the future of Arizona—not just politically, but personally.** He lives in Scottsdale with his wife, Shannon, and their two children. *It’s this grounding in family and community that shapes his approach to public service.*

**Looking Ahead**

**With a proven record as a constitutional advocate, legislator, and reformer, Kolodin enters the race with credibility and clarity of purpose.**

Whether you agree with his approach or not, one thing is certain:

*Alex Kolodin has built a campaign—and a career—on the belief that elections must be earned, not just run.*

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