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## INTRODUCTION

November 4, 2010

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Now that the yard signs are coming down and the campaign ads are noticeably absent from the television, we can start to focus on the coming year. This 2010 election cycle was one of great significance for those of us working with state attorneys general (AG). In addition to 30 AG elections, there were gubernatorial elections in four states where the governor appoints the AG: Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire and Wyoming. Also, the newly elected mayor of Washington, D.C. will appoint the District's AG and the incoming Maine state legislature will elect their next AG. The importance of this year's AG elections was evident, not only from the widespread national media coverage that many of the races received, but also by the millions of dollars that were raised and endorsements the candidates received from prominent political figures including President Obama, former President Clinton and high-level federal and state officials.

Today, perhaps more than ever before in our nation's history, AGs are recognized for playing an increasingly powerful role in their states. For a number of reasons, including a trend to expand AG's power to enforce federal laws, AGs are becoming more and more influential in the public policy arena, most notably with respect to the economy, regulation of the Internet and with environmental issues. However, despite many of the AGs campaign promises to tackle federal issues such as health care reform, financial regulatory reform and immigration policy, it should not be forgotten that the AGs remain the top law enforcement officers and chief legal advisors in their respective states. As such, AGs across the country will almost certainly continue to vigorously enforce their state's laws regarding consumer protection, antitrust, environmental protection and employment.

Having spent years working for major corporations prior to becoming an attorney, then spending many years as in-house counsel to a Fortune 300 company, I am particularly aware that the intersection between business, policy and the law is often a delicate one. AG offices are where those diverging interests are most often at issue. As such, I have spent much of my legal career, including in my current role as Senior Counsel in Orrick's Public Strategies and Crisis Practice, representing clients' interests before AGs offices.

Over a number of years, I have had the pleasure of traveling to all 50 states to meet with AGs and their staff to work together on legal and policy issues. I have gained insight into the collective thinking of the AGs and how they approach fulfilling their duties while in office. Through that personal interaction, I have established solid professional relationships and in many cases, long-standing friendships that will go beyond any term of office. In anticipation of Tuesday's election, I spent significant time this past year visiting with AG candidates across the country – building new relationships on both sides of the aisle.

I have provided this Attorney General Post-Election Reference Guide as a very high-level introduction to the 2011 AGs. On the following pages, you will find a photo and information about each AG: when they were first elected, their political party affiliation, their top priority, and some additional information about their background and professional experience. Newly elected AGs are denoted with a gold star. I have also included a U.S. map that highlights the AG political landscape with respect to party affiliation. I hope that you find this to be a useful resource as you start to think about your legal and governmental strategies for the upcoming year.

I will send an updated version in January 2011 when the AGs who are yet to be appointed are announced.

Sincerely,

Lori Kalani

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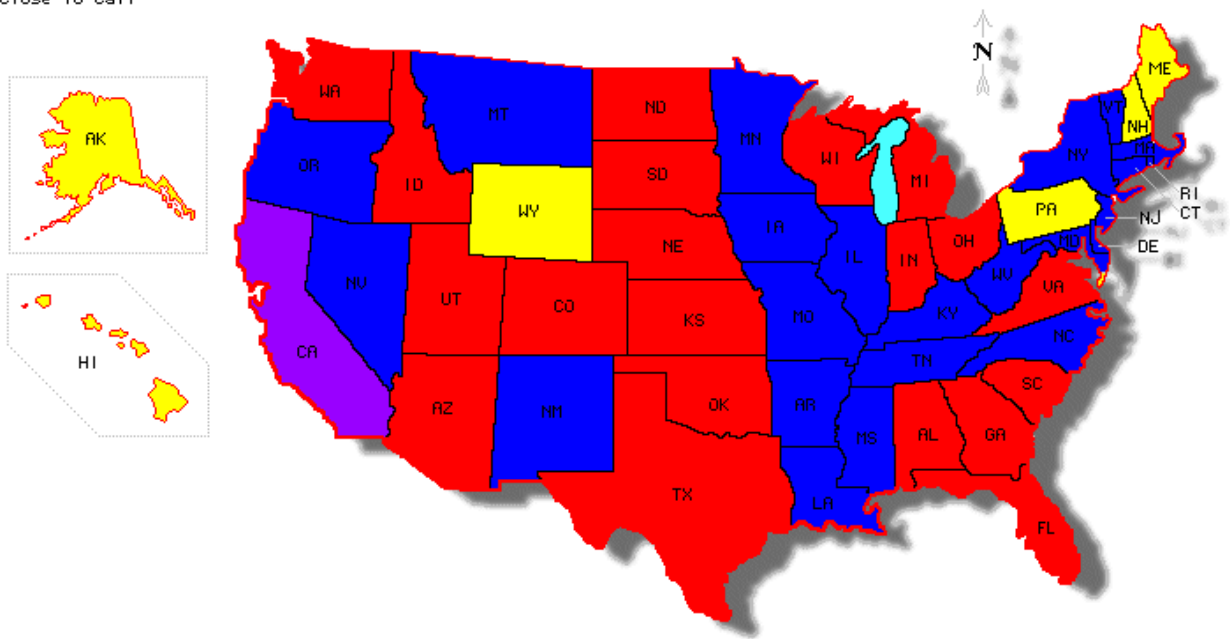
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## ATTORNEYS GENERAL POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

2011

- - Democrat
- - Republican
- - To Be Appointed
- - Too Close To Call





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## ALABAMA



Luther Strange ★

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** Attorney

**Top Priority:** Fight public corruption

**Background:** Nicknamed "Big Luther," Strange is regarded as one of Alabama's leading lawyers. Throughout his career, he has used his legal skills to promote economic development in all regions of the state. His experience includes negotiating the deal for the \$1 billion Hyundai automotive plant in Montgomery and the \$80 million Hudson-Alpha Biotech Research Institute in Huntsville. He has pledged to restore Alabamians' trust in government and bring business opportunities and jobs to the state.

## ALASKA



TBD

In Alaska, the Attorney General is appointed by the Governor. On November 2, 2010, Republican Sean Parnell was elected to his first full term as Governor. He ascended to the Governorship in July 2009 following the resignation of Governor Sarah Palin.

**Background:** Republican Attorney General Dan Sullivan will likely be reappointed by Governor Parnell. A former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and attorney, Sullivan is well-versed on the issues that matter to the people of Alaska. As AG, Sullivan has focused his efforts on stopping the enforcement of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which he and Governor Parnell argue is hurting Alaska's economic health. He co-chairs an ESA working group through the National Association of Attorneys General.

## ARIZONA



Tom Horne ★

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** Superintendent of Public Instruction / State Representative / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Defend and secure Arizona's borders

**Background:** As the former Superintendent of Public Instruction, Horne is well-known in Arizona as a result of his many television appearances over the past five years discussing the state's educational system. He will likely bring a different set of priorities to the AG's office than his Democratic predecessor, especially with regard to border control and immigration reform. As a former State Representative and someone who is familiar with the state legislative process, he is expected to work closely with Governor Brewer and the legislature to influence public policy over the next four years.

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## ARKANSAS



**Dustin McDaniel**

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 7, 2006

**Experience:** Representative, Arkansas State House of Representatives / Attorney / Patrol Officer

**Top Priority:** Protect consumers from scams, most notably payday lenders

**Background:** The youngest AG in the nation and Co-Chair of the Democratic Attorneys General Association, McDaniel has worked effectively with Governor Mike Beebe and the state legislature to achieve successful resolutions to many of Arkansas' decades old problems. As a former police officer and now the state's top law enforcement officer, McDaniel is tough on fighting crime. Attorney General McDaniel has been a tireless consumer advocate who has been successful in recovering millions of dollars for the state by reaching settlements with companies who have engaged in deceptive advertising practices.

## CALIFORNIA

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This is an open seat race. The Democratic candidate is Kamala Harris and the Republican candidate is Steve Cooley. As of now, the race is too close to call.

## COLORADO



**John Suthers**

**Republican**

**First Elected:** Appointed in January 2005, first elected on November 7, 2006

**Experience:** United States Attorney / Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections

**Top Priority:** Protect children from Internet predators

**Background:** Attorney General Suthers is a tireless public advocate who has been successful in generating millions of dollars for the state from companies that mislead consumers. He has a strong history of working well with the state legislature. During the 2009 legislative session, each of the legislative proposals from his office were passed into law by the state legislature. Tough but pragmatic, Suthers understands how to strike the right balance between protecting consumers and promoting an economic environment that allows business to be competitive.

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## CONNECTICUT



George Jepsen ★

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** Attorney / State Senate Majority Leader / State Representative

**Top Priority:** Create a stable environment where businesses and consumers can compete on a level and open playing field

**Background:** George Jepsen has a 16-year history of involvement in Connecticut politics as a former State Representative, State Senator, Democratic State Party Chairman and candidate for Lieutenant Governor. As Majority Leader of the Senate for six years, he worked closely with business interests to find common ground on many issues. He has strong ties to the legislature and friends on both sides of the political aisle. It is likely that Jepsen will play an active role with his AG colleagues around the country.

## DELAWARE



Beau Biden

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 7, 2006

**Experience:** U.S. Attorney / JAG

**Top Priority:** Public safety

**Background:** As a career prosecutor, Attorney General Biden has actively pursued measures to better protect children, families and communities across the state. In 2008, following his father's (Vice President Joe Biden) acceptance to be on the Democratic presidential ticket, Beau Biden was deployed to Iraq. His deployment ended all speculation that he would run to fill his father's vacant Senate seat in 2010. As AG, Biden spearheaded the creation of the Delaware Department of Justice Child Predator Unit to track and prosecute child sex offenders and helped pass state legislation strengthening Delaware's sex offender registry statute. He has demonstrated his willingness to engage with Governor Jack Markell and a bipartisan coalition of state lawmakers in order to achieve his goals.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



**TBD**

In the District of Columbia, the Attorney General is appointed by the Mayor. On November 2, 2010, Democrat Vincent Gray was elected as Mayor.

**Background:** Mayor Gray has publicly stated that he will not reappoint Attorney General Peter Nickels, a Democrat who has strong ties to his primary opponent, former Mayor Adrian Fenty. In the past, Mayor Gray has criticized Nickels for compromising public safety by making decisions based on political motives.

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## FLORIDA



**Pam Bondi** ★

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** Assistant State Attorney / Felony Bureau Chief

**Top Priority:** Crack down on scam artists and fraud

**Background:** Pam Bondi is a dedicated public servant who has a reputation for being fair and non partisan. With 18 years of experience as a prosecutor, she will be a conservative leader who will advocate for states' rights and push back against any overreach by the federal government. As AG, she will continue to apply pressure on BP to do everything possible to bring about an efficient and effective claims process to those individuals, businesses and government entities affected by the gulf oil spill disaster. As Assistant State Attorney, her open and inclusive style earned her high marks.

## GEORGIA



**Sam Olens** ★

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** Immediate past chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners and Atlanta Regional Commission / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Fight President Barack Obama's health care plan

**Background:** Sam Olens has practiced law for more than twenty-five years. He is the immediate past Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, and in that role he balanced the budget every year. In 2004, he was elected Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission and in that role rejected the notion of two Georgias and promoted cohesion throughout Georgia. Olens will pursue all legal avenues to fight President Obama's health care plan, advocate for Georgia's water rights, and will fight to ensure immigration laws are enforced.

## HAWAII



**TBD**

In Hawaii, the Attorney General is appointed by the Governor. On November 2, 2010, former Democratic Congressman Neil Abercrombie was elected Governor. Abercrombie succeeds Republican Governor Linda Lingle.

**Background:** As of yet, there is no clear indication of who Governor Abercrombie will appoint as AG.

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## IDAHO



### Lawrence Wasden

#### Republican

**First Elected:** November 5, 2002

**Experience:** Chief of Staff to the Attorney General / Deputy Attorney General / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Enforce firm and fair criminal justice

**Background:** A former Deputy Attorney General, Lawrence Wasden's strong law enforcement background serves him well as AG. During his tenure, General Wasden has represented the state in over 2,000 criminal appeals, vigorously promoted an open government, consistently defended the state from attempts by the federal government to preempt state law and recovered millions of dollars for consumers. He has received many awards for his efforts to reduce youth tobacco smoking and curb domestic violence. Attorney General Wasden has served as a past President of the National Association of Attorneys General and a past Chair of the Conference of Western Attorneys General.

## ILLINOIS



### Lisa Madigan

#### Democrat

**First Elected:** November 5, 2002

**Experience:** State Senator / Assistant Dean of Wright College / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Safeguard women and children from sexual predators

**Background:** Attorney General Madigan has garnered national attention for bringing a high level of activism to the AG's office. She has testified before U.S. Congressional committees on consumer issues such as consumer product safety laws and privacy. Despite her national recognition, Madigan remains focused on protecting Illinois' consumers on many fronts, including from scams and deceptive practices. She has effectively advocated for legislation on behalf of Illinois' homeowners.

## INDIANA



### Greg Zoeller

#### Republican

**First Elected:** November 4, 2008

**Experience:** Chief Deputy to the Attorney General / Assistant to Vice President Dan Quayle / Senior Counsel to the House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

**Top Priority:** Exposing Medicaid fraud

**Background:** As a former Chief Deputy to AG Steve Carter, Greg Zoeller is experienced, professional and has an astute understanding about how to manage his office. He has been a successful leader in exposing and prosecuting health care fraud. Earlier this year, he joined the state lawsuit challenging President Obama's health care plan, citing that the law raises serious constitutional questions.



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## IOWA



Tom Miller

Democrat

**First Elected:** Previously served from 1978-1990 and was elected to the office again on November 8, 1994

**Experience:** Attorney

**Top Priority:** Protect consumers from fraud

**Background:** Attorney General Miller has earned a reputation for integrity and high quality legal work. He has a long record of achieving results through cooperation with other state AGs and with local, state and federal officials, regardless of their political affiliation. He has served as a past President of the National Association of Attorneys General. Miller has been successful in achieving multi-state settlements against major tobacco and drug companies, and he is currently leading the 50-state working group investigating home foreclosure fraud.

## KANSAS



Derek Schmidt ★

Republican

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** State Senate Majority Leader / Assistant Kansas Attorney General / General Counsel to U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel

**Top Priority:** Advocate for a strong pro-growth, stable legal climate by promoting jobs and investment in the state

**Background:** Derek Schmidt has a reputation as a fair-minded person with experience and perspective. As Senate Majority leader, he earned a reputation for trying to find common ground among diverse viewpoints. While in the Senate, he protected taxpayers by writing the law that created an independent office of inspector general to seek out waste, fraud and abuse in the massive Medicaid program. His ties to the Kansas legislature will likely serve him well as he tries to implement economic initiatives to development and job growth in the state.

## KENTUCKY



Jack Conway

Democrat

**First Elected:** November 6, 2007

**Experience:** Attorney / Deputy General Counsel and Deputy Cabinet Secretary to Governor Paul Patton

**Top Priority:** Crack down on Internet crimes

**Background:** Attorney General Conway remains committed to getting results for the people of Kentucky. As AG, he has followed through on his pledge to vigorously prosecute child predators and crack down on Internet crimes. In June of 2008, Conway created a Cybercrimes Unit to investigate online solicitations of minors, scams and identity theft. In its first year, the Cybercrimes Unit launched 50 child pornography investigations and seized more than 34,000 images and videos. Additionally, he has received recognition for successfully cracking down on Medicaid fraud.

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## LOUISIANA



**James "Buddy" Caldwell**

**Democrat**

**Elected:** November 6, 2007

**Experience:** District Attorney

**Top Priority:** Fight Medicaid fraud, identity theft and domestic violence in the workplace

**Background:** As the first Democrat to sign on to challenge President Obama's health care plan, Attorney General Caldwell is a conservative Democrat who prides himself on leading with conviction as opposed to political party ID. As a result of his almost three decades of service as a District Attorney, he maintains close working relationships with Louisiana's law enforcement officials and the U.S. Department of Justice. Caldwell is committed to protecting consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices.

## MAINE



**TBD**

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In Maine, the Attorney General is elected by the state legislature. Democrat Attorney General Janet Mills' term expires on December 31, 2010.

**Background:** The next Attorney General will be elected in January 2011 by the incoming state legislature, which is now controlled by Republicans.

## MARYLAND



**Doug Gansler**

**Democrat**

**Elected:** November 7, 2006

**Experience:** State Attorney / Assistant United States Attorney

**Top Priority:** Protect the environment

**Background:** As AG, Doug Gansler has focused on environmental, public safety and consumer issues, and has received national acclaim for focusing on Maryland's environment. He is a former Assistant to the current U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder, and served as an adviser to the transition for the Obama Administration's Justice Department in 2008. As a federal prosecutor, he prosecuted several high-profile cases, including the Beltway snipers. Gansler has a proven track record of pursuing common sense solutions for consumers, including reducing refueling fees charged by car rental companies and improving the policies of cell phone insurers. Attorney General Gansler serves as the Vice President of the National Association of Attorneys General.

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## MASSACHUSETTS



**Martha Coakley**

**Democrat**

**Elected:** November 7, 2006

**Experience:** District Attorney

**Top Priority:** Protect consumers from scams and financial fraud

**Background:** Martha Coakley is committed to her job as AG. A lifelong public servant, Coakley has a reputation for bringing people of diverse viewpoints to the table to find effective solutions. Her solid record as AG earned her the endorsement of the Boston Herald, a well-known conservative newspaper, in the 2010 election. Some of her most notable achievements include filing a first-in-the-nation lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and successfully advocating at the state legislature for a new identity theft law.

## MICHIGAN



**Bill Schuette** ★

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** Michigan Court of Appeals Judge / Attorney U.S. Representative / State Senate / Director Michigan Department of Agriculture

**Top Priority:** Fight crime

**Background:** Bill Schuette brings with him a wide variety of professional experience to the AG's office. As a U.S. Congressman, he was an ardent supporter of President Ronald Reagan's revolution that advocated for lower taxes and a strong national defense. As a State Senator, Schuette played a key role in helping to build Michigan's economy, create jobs, reform welfare and pass tough laws to protect families from crime. As an appellate judge, he had a reputation for being tough and a strong defender of the constitution.

## MINNESOTA



**Lori Swanson**

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 7, 2006

**Experience:** Solicitor General / Deputy Attorney General / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Protect consumers from scams and fraud

**Background:** Attorney General Swanson has continued the Minnesota AG office's long tradition of consumer advocacy and watchdog work. Working collaboratively with state lawmakers, Swanson has successfully advocated for the passage of numerous legal reforms, including the enactment of a nationally recognized predatory mortgage lending law and laws to protect children from cyberbullies and online predators. In addition, she has been active in protecting Minnesota's environment.

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## MISSISSIPPI



**Jim Hood**

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 4, 2003

**Experience:** Assistant Attorney General / District Attorney

**Top Priority:** Crack down on cyber crimes

**Background:** Attorney General Hood is an aggressive prosecutor and dedicated public servant who has earned a reputation for being an advocate for Mississippi's consumers. After Hurricane Katrina ravaged the state, he worked to strengthen laws to protect consumers from home repair fraud, price gouging, identity theft and financial scams. Recently, he took the lead in helping victims of the BP oil spill receive proper compensation. Hood founded the nation's leading Cyber Crime Unit and Fusion Center, which serves as the hub from which state, federal and local agencies investigate and prosecute internet predators who target children.

## MISSOURI



**Chris Koster**

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 4, 2008

**Experience:** State Senator / Prosecuting Attorney / Assistant Attorney General

**Top Priority:** Defend worker's rights

**Background:** Attorney General Koster has earned a reputation as a tough prosecutor with a record of standing up to corporate interests on behalf of working families. In an age when crimes increasingly occur in cyberspace, Koster focuses on the unique threats that technological advances have posed to children. His strong law enforcement background and four years in the State Senate serve him well as AG. A lifelong supporter of organized labor, Koster is committed to protecting workers' rights, specifically prosecuting prevailing wage violators and employers who hire illegal immigrants as cheap labor. Interestingly, prior to his election as AG, he served in the State Senate as a Republican. Koster currently serves as a Co-Chair of the Democratic Association of Attorneys General.

## MONTANA



**Steve Bullock**

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 4, 2008

**Experience:** Attorney / Adjunct Professor of Law / Acting Chief Deputy Attorney General

**Top Priority:** Reduce drunk driving and prescription drug abuse

**Background:** Attorney General Bullock has a broad range of experience in private practice, public service, and academia. He has led the effort to thwart drunk driving in his state through enforcement and strengthening of the law. Bullock has been a leader in multi-state efforts to promote compliance with state employment laws, focusing on employers who misclassify workers as independent contractors.



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## NEBRASKA



**Jon Bruning**

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 5, 2002

**Experience:** State Senator / Nebraska Supreme Court Justice / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Protect children from sexual predators

**Background:** Attorney General Bruning is committed to ensuring the law applies equally to everyone. Appealing excessively lenient sentences, combined with his steadfast prosecution of elected officials who break the law, has earned him a reputation as “the People’s Lawyer.” Bruning has played a significant role in helping to stem the tide of methamphetamine use in Nebraska’s communities by successfully working to increase penalties for meth traffickers and manufacturers. He has worked with state legislators to crack down on Internet predators and protect children from the dangers posed by the Internet. Having served six years as a State Senator, General Bruning has strong ties with the state legislature. He is the immediate past President of the National Association of Attorneys General.

## NEVADA



**Catherine Cortez-Masto**

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 7, 2006

**Experience:** Assistant County Manager / Assistant United States Attorney / Chief of Staff to Governor Bob Miller

**Top Priority:** Fight against mortgage fraud

**Background:** General Cortez-Masto’s leadership has earned her a reputation as a tough, no-nonsense prosecutor. Under her leadership, the AG’s office has strengthened its relationship with local law enforcement agencies. During the recent economic downturn, her office has been aggressively investigating and prosecuting those attempting to take advantage of Nevada’s unprecedented foreclosure crisis. She is an active participant and strong negotiator, recently reaching a multi-state foreclosure relief settlement with Countrywide.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE



**TBD**

In New Hampshire, the Attorney General is appointed by the Governor. On November 2, 2010, Governor John Lynch was reelected.

**Background:** Governor Lynch will likely reappoint Democratic Attorney General Michael Delaney. A veteran prosecutor, Delaney is widely respected across state government. He has worked well with legislators, state agencies and law enforcement on important issues facing the state.

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## NEW JERSEY



**Paula Dow**

**Democrat**

**Appointed by Governor:** January 18, 2010

**Experience:** County Prosecutor / Assistant U.S. Attorney

**Top Priority:** Fight public corruption

**Background:** As a Democrat nominated by a Republican Governor, Attorney General Dow has worked hard to sway her Republican skeptics. She has a close relationship with Governor Chris Christie, for whom she worked during her days with the U.S. Attorney's Office. Her six-year tenure as Prosecutor of Essex County, the state's largest and busiest prosecutor's office, was marked by improved organization, the county's highest criminal conviction rate since 2000 and a host of successful prosecutions that took dangerous street gangs, drug-dealing operations and violent criminals off the streets. In her role as AG, her experience and bipartisan approach serve her well.

## NEW MEXICO



**Gary King**

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 7, 2006

**Experience:** State Representative / Policy Advisor at U.S. Department of Energy / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Crack down on human trafficking

**Background:** Attorney General King is a former State Representative who served in the legislature for 12 years and held the position of Chairman of the Consumer and Public Affairs Committee. As AG, he spearheaded the effort to pass legislation that, for the first time, made it a felony crime in New Mexico to engage in the practice of human trafficking. Additionally, he led an effort by AGs to assist law enforcement in Mexico in their fight against corruption and cartels. King serves as the Chair of the Conference of Western Attorneys General and Co-Chair of the Democratic Attorneys General Association. He is the only AG in the nation who is also a scientist with a Ph.D. in organic chemistry.

## NEW YORK



**Eric Schneiderman** ★

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** State Senator / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Fight public corruption

**Background:** Eric Schneiderman has a reputation for sound judgment, legal expertise and political independence. His accomplishments as State Senator include helping pass the most sweeping ethics reforms in a generation, the Clinic Access Bill to protect a woman's right to choose, hate crimes legislation, legislation to increase the minimum wage and a host of environmental and civil rights laws. Schneiderman's top priority will be restoring trust in state government by waging a 24/7 campaign against corruption, waste, fraud and abuse and ensuring that elected officials are held accountable for the use of every tax dollar.

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## NORTH CAROLINA

Roy Cooper

Democrat



**First Elected:** November 7, 2000

**Experience:** State Senator / State Representative / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Protect children from online predators and pornography

**Background:** In his third term as AG, Attorney General Cooper's chief objectives include finding ways to detect and prevent financial scams that put people further into debt and hurt businesses, make financial products fair to consumers and help prevent future financial calamities. As AG, he has been on the forefront of the fight against Internet predators and is responsible for leading the national AG task force that developed and implemented an age verification system for online social networking sites. He currently serves as the President of the National Association of Attorneys General.

## NORTH DAKOTA

Wayne Stenehjem

Republican



**First Elected:** November 7, 2000

**Experience:** State Senator / State Representative

**Top Priority:** Drug enforcement

**Background:** Seasoned in both houses of the legislature for more than 20 years, Attorney General Stenehjem has a broad understanding of state government and specifically the AG's role. Since taking office, he has made drug enforcement a priority, proposing legislation to develop a drug enforcement initiative, which coordinates law enforcement and health and human service agencies, as well as addiction counseling, youth education and stronger penalties for offenders. Specifically, he has worked to enact and enforce legislation to curb methamphetamine, which has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the production and use of meth in North Dakota. Attorney General Stenehjem is the past Chair of the Republican Attorneys General Association.

## OHIO

Mike DeWine



Republican



**Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** U.S. Senator / Lieutenant Governor / U.S. Representative / State Senator / County Prosecutor

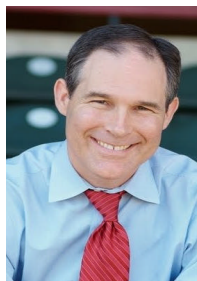
**Top Priority:** Fight crime

**Background:** Mike DeWine has an extensive background as a public servant at the state and national level. As Attorney General he will focus on improving Ohio's business climate, supporting local law enforcement, and ending corruption in government. DeWine has promised that on his first day in office he will join the lawsuit against President Obama's health care plan.

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## OKLAHOMA



Scott Pruitt ★

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** State Senator / Attorney / Co-owner and managing general partner of the Oklahoma City Redhawks triple-A baseball team

**Top Priority:** Advance the principles of liberty, limited government and the rule of law

**Background:** Scott Pruitt has an overwhelming passion of the U.S. Constitution and, as AG, has vowed to proactively defend it on the state and federal levels. He has pledged to create a Federalism unit in the AG's office designed to focus on constitutional issues. As Assistant Republican Floor Leader for four years, he was the leading spokesperson for workers' compensation reform, lawsuit reform, greater accountability for government spending and traditional, faith-based values. As AG, Pruitt will fight for limited government and liberty and says he will stand unapologetically for the truths of the Constitution.

## OREGON



John Kroger

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 4, 2008

**Experience:** Assistant U.S. Attorney / Law Professor / Marine

**Top Priority:** Fight crime

**Background:** Attorney General Kroger has devoted his entire life to public service as a United States Marine, federal prosecutor, public policy expert and teacher. He is committed to fostering a more positive business climate in Oregon, which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Kroger has instituted several initiatives, including forming the Attorney General's Business Advisory Council to develop new ideas for growing Oregon's economy and streamlining Oregon's technology transfer process to help create new high-tech businesses. Kroger is working on a major overhaul of Oregon's drug treatment and prevention program, as he believes substance abuse is the root cause of crime.

## PENNSYLVANIA



**TBD**

On November 2, 2010, Attorney General Tom Corbett was elected Governor. As such, Corbett will have the authority to appoint his successor.

**Background:** There is speculation that Governor Corbett will likely appoint his Deputy Attorney General Bill Ryan.



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## RHODE ISLAND



**Peter Kilmartin** ★

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** State Representative / Police Officer

**Top Priority:** Crack down on financial scams

**Background:** Peter Kilmartin has a strong law enforcement background and more than twenty years in the state legislature. As a State Representative, he helped pass laws to protect children from predators, create a witness protection program and mandate that mortgage companies that seize people's homes pay property taxes. As AG, Kilmartin has vowed to strengthen the economic security of Rhode Islanders by going after scam artists and any others who seek to benefit from dishonest fiscal practices.

## SOUTH CAROLINA



**Alan Wilson** ★

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 2, 2010

**Experience:** Attorney / Assistant Attorney General / Major in the National Guard

**Top Priority:** Fight to block unconstitutional efforts by the federal government

**Background:** Alan Wilson has a distinguished military and prosecutor background. As AG, Wilson has pledged to take the lead in the battle to fight President Obama's health care plan. He is active with the South Carolina National Guard and currently serves as a Judge Advocate General, where he provides legal support for soldiers and prosecutes military crimes.

## SOUTH DAKOTA



**Marty Jackley**

**Republican**

**First Elected:** Appointed by the Governor on September 4, 2009; elected by the voters on November 2, 2010

**Experience:** U.S. Attorney / Special Assistant to the Attorney General / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Fight crime and protect children from sexual predators

**Background:** Attorney General Jackley's extensive trial experience in federal and state courts through both criminal and civil litigation serves him well as AG. He has a record of leading an office that protects families and is committed to crime prevention. He has worked closely with the state legislature to strengthen the sex offender registry, and develop a prescription drug monitoring program that emphasizes prevention over prosecution. A strong supporter of limited government, Jackley was one of the first AGs to join the lawsuit against President Obama's health care plan.

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## TENNESSEE



**Robert E. Cooper, Jr.**

**Democrat**

**Appointed:** Appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court to serve an eight-year term in October 2006

**Experience:** Legal Counsel to Governor Phil Bredesen / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Fight health care fraud and predatory lenders

**Background:** Attorney General Cooper has the dual role of AG and Reporter. In the exercise of his Reporter function, Cooper reports the opinions of the Tennessee Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. As an officer of the state's judicial branch, he was appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court. As AG, he has led a task force that prosecutes health care provider fraud cases ranging from off-label marketing of drugs, fraudulent billing, and kickbacks to physicians. Cooper has also been very effective in fighting against predatory lenders that target low-income families. Most recently, he joined several members of the state legislature and AT&T in a statewide effort to discourage teens from texting while driving.

## TEXAS



**Greg Abbott**

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 5, 2002

**Experience:** Attorney / Justice of the Texas Supreme Court / Law Professor

**Top Priority:** Fight crime

**Background:** Attorney General Abbott has made protecting children, families, and values the focus of his administration. He established a Cyber Crimes Unit to arrest criminals who use the Internet to prey upon children and a Fugitive Unit to arrest convicted sex offenders who violate their parole. A staunch advocate of states' rights, he has received national attention by bringing Texas into lawsuits challenging the Environmental Protection Agency, Gulf of Mexico oil drilling bans, and the new national health care law. Abbott also filed a friend of the court brief in support of Arizona's illegal immigration law.

## UTAH



**Mark Shurtleff**

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 7, 2000

**Experience:** Deputy County Attorney / Assistant Attorney General

**Top Priority:** Prosecute Internet predators

**Background:** Now serving as the first three-term AG in Utah history, Attorney General Shurtleff is known for being technologically savvy and has received attention for his use of social media to communicate directly with people of Utah. His Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force has received national recognition for arresting and convicting hundreds of Internet predators and child pornographers. Shurtleff is committed to developing the Identity Theft Reporting and Information System, a website that is a one stop resource for victims to file online complaints.

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## VERMONT



### Bill Sorrell

#### Democrat

**First Elected:** Originally appointed by Governor Howard Dean in 1997, he has won reelection seven times

**Experience:** Governor Dean's Secretary of Administration / County Deputy State Attorney

**Top Priority:** Protect the environment and public health

**Background:** As one of the longest serving AGs, who must run for reelection every two years, Attorney General Sorrell has been described as "a giant killer" for his longstanding willingness to take on powerful interests when the well-being of Vermonters has been at stake. He is a strong advocate for the environment and the agricultural community, and he understands the importance of both issues to the state's economy. Sorrell is a past President of the National Association of Attorneys General.

## VIRGINIA



### Ken Cuccinelli

#### Republican

**First Elected:** November 3, 2009

**Experience:** State Senator / Attorney

**Top Priority:** Challenge President Obama's health care plan

**Background:** Attorney General Cuccinelli has earned the media's attention and the Tea Party's adoration with his high-profile challenge to President Obama's health care bill. He is currently working with the state legislature in an effort to institute a statute similar to Arizona's immigration reform bill. Known for his hard-line stances on social issues, Cuccinelli issued a legal opinion in the summer of 2010 advising the state to tighten regulation of abortion clinics. As AG, he has also taken a lead role investigating and prosecuting Medicaid fraud and Internet predators.

## WASHINGTON



### Rob McKenna

#### Republican

**First Elected:** November 2, 2004

**Experience:** Attorney

**Top Priority:** Combat mortgage and foreclosure fraud

**Background:** Attorney General McKenna has successfully defended campaign finance reform, the top-two primary election system, and the state public records law before the U.S. Supreme Court. McKenna's ongoing priorities include making communities in Washington safer by protecting consumers and businesses from identity theft, Internet predators, and cyber crimes. He is committed to promoting integrity in government by defending the state's laws, implementing new performance management initiatives in his office and encouraging open access to government. McKenna currently serves as the current Chair of the Republican Attorneys General Association and will be inducted as the President of the National Association of Attorneys General in June of 2011.

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## WEST VIRGINIA



**Darrell McGraw**

**Democrat**

**First Elected:** November 3, 1992

**Experience:** Chief Justice, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals / Counsel to the State Legislature / Army

**Top Priority:** Protect consumers from illegal marketing practices

**Background:** Since being elected Attorney General in 1992, McGraw has vigorously prosecuted violators of the state's consumer protection act and antitrust laws. The McGraw family goes back five generations and is a household name in the state, with his brother being the former West Virginia State Supreme Court Justice and State Senate President. McGraw carries a reputation as a devoted public servant and a humble man, grounded in his roots.

## WISCONSIN



**J.B. Van Hollen**

**Republican**

**First Elected:** November 7, 2006

**Experience:** United State Attorney / District Attorney

**Top Priority:** Fight crime

**Background:** Attorney General Van Hollen has been successful at improving the efficiency of the state's crime labs. When he first entered the AG's office, Van Hollen identified the backlog of forensic DNA evidence at the state crime labs as his administration's number one priority. He has worked to find new efficiencies, create partnerships with agencies and train additional DNA analysts to tackle the problem. Today, under Van Hollen's leadership, the DNA backlog has been eliminated. A fiscal conservative, he has returned more than \$1 million to the state treasuries and continues to work to find efficiencies that save the taxpayers' money.

## WYOMING



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In Wyoming, the Attorney General is appointed by the Governor. On November 2, 2010, Republican Matt Mead was elected Governor.

**Background:** Despite broad speculation, there are currently no specific emerging appointees for the position of AG, although it is expected to be a Republican.





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