



Arkansas

Voters in Arkansas will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 100 seats in the State House are up as well as 18 seats in the State Senate. Republicans currently have a trifecta and should continue their dominance in November.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

[Attorney General Leslie Rutledge](#)

Attorney General Leslie Rutledge is the first woman to hold the office in Arkansas. She was elected in 2014. Rutledge is admitted to practice law in Arkansas, Washington D.C. and before the Supreme Court of the United States. In May, she boasted that the re-election campaign had already [raised](#) over \$500,000.

Attorney General Rutledge has made prescription drug abuse a priority. The office launched Prescription for Life, a first-in-the-nation educational tool offered at no cost to all high school students in the State to help them understand the dangers of prescription drug misuse and how to prevent abuse. In January 2018, her office [announced](#) an investigation into opioid manufacturers. In March 2018, she announced that the state had [filed](#) suit against specific manufacturers.

Along with the drug initiative, her office has created a Military and Veterans initiative to assist active duty military, reservists, veterans and their families with consumer-related issues, veterans courts and other collaborative efforts; a Digital You internet safety program; and, has made domestic violence and sexual assault a priority. Her campaign features promises to fight federal overreach, stand for life, and defense of the 2nd Amendment.

***Trivia:** When she first announced her run in 2013, Leslie was last place in the first public Republican primary poll. She was outspent by her Democratic challenger in general. She won both races.*