

Colorado

Voters in Colorado will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 65 seats in the State House are up as well as 17 seats in the 35-member State Senate. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the lower chamber. The Senate is a target for a Democratic pick up and a target for a defensive hold for Republicans.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

[Phil Weiser](#)

Phil Weiser was the only Democrat to earn Governor John Hickenlooper's (D) public endorsement during the primary and it might have been the last-minute push he needed to defeat his challenger. Weiser served in the Obama Administration as Senior Advisor for Technology and Innovation and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General. Weiser is a first-time candidate who struck a more moderate tone in his primary.

He believes the Office of Attorney General should have acted to challenge the Trump Administration on its travel ban and the DACA program. He has stated that he views the state Attorney General as the last line of defense against the executive branch.

Weiser's campaign themes are shaped around traditional Democratic values. He wants to protect Colorado workers by starting programs that would benefit "high-road employers" who follow rules and pay a living wage. He opposes for-profit colleges. He supports the equal pay for equal work campaign. Weiser supports net neutrality. He is skeptical about industry consolidation and mergers in all sectors. He believes consumers deserve transparent prices and business practices.

Weiser supports joining the multi-state lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and [stated](#) that, "One important cause of the epidemic is the deceptive actions of pharmaceutical companies who lied to consumers to make a profit." Weiser believes that a settlement payout, similar to the tobacco payout, could create more rehabilitation centers for opioid addicts.

Trivia: Weiser has only ever litigated six cases in court.