

New York

Voters in New York will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 150 Assembly seats will be on the ballot as well as all 63 Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, the Office of Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

[Attorney General Letitia James \(D\)](#)

New York Attorney General Letitia James (D) has occupied her office since 2019. Prior to serving as Attorney General, James was elected in 2013 and 2017 as Democratic New City Public Advocate. From 2004-2013, she served on the New York City Council where she represented the 35th Council District in Brooklyn.

Before her election to City Council, James served as head of the Brooklyn Regional Office of the New York State Attorney General's Office. During this time, she investigated predatory lenders, addressed firms engaged in deceptive business practices, and [assisted](#) the Civil Rights Bureau in its investigation of the NYPD's stop-and-frisk policy.

During her term as Attorney General, James launched an [investigation](#) into the NYPD for allegedly targeting of Communities of Color regarding theft of services and fare evasion.

During 2020, James' office began to investigate allegations of COVID-19-related neglect of nursing home residents, [finding](#) that the state Department of Health underreported COVID-19 deaths by up to 50%. The investigation also uncovered a lack of compliance with infection control protocols in nursing homes.

James started a campaign to run for New York Governor but dropped out to run for reelection as Attorney General. She said in a [statement](#) that she needed to continue her work as Attorney General as there were a number of investigations and cases underway that needed to be finished.

James has [raised](#) over \$4 million for her campaign. Top contributors include the New York State Trial Lawyers Association.

Trivia: James began her career as a public defender at the Legal Aid Society.