

RHODE ISLAND

Voters in Rhode Island will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general this cycle. All 75 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 38 Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the legislature.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

[Charles Calenda](#)

Charles Calenda (R) is an attorney who previously worked as a prosecutor in the Attorney General's office. Additionally, he currently serves on the West Greenwich Republican Town Committee.

His campaign is centered around his [criticism](#) of Rhode Island state government's reputation for political scandal: Calenda hopes to use the Attorney General office to provide an impartial perspective. A political newcomer, Calenda positioning himself as a candidate with no political agenda for the office.

He has sent a number of written [testimonies](#) to State Legislative Committees on gun legislation, as he opposes any restrictions to gun owners or buyers.

He has practiced criminal law, family law, and civil law. Calenda has highlighted this range of experience, believing it will make him an effective Attorney General.

Calenda has publicly requested to debate incumbent Attorney General Peter Neronha (D) on several occasions, and has been a vocal [critic](#) on the absence of a response from the Attorney General.

Trivia: While attending Miami University, Calenda worked as a referee for club league basketball and soccer.