

## VERMONT

Voters in Vermont will elect a governor and attorney general this cycle. All 150 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 30 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office. Democrats are expected to flip the Office of Attorney General and maintain control of the legislature.

## **Attorney General**

## **Democratic Nominee**

Charity Clark

Charity Clark (D) was hired as an Assistant Attorney General in the Public Protection Division by former Attorney General Bill Sorrell in 2014. She served as Chief of Staff under former Attorney General T.J. Donovan (D) from 2018 to 2022. Clark's legal career began as an associate at Downs Rachlin Martin and later at Orrick in New York City.

On the campaign trail, Clark has <u>touted</u> her experience as former Vermont Attorney General T.J Donovan's chief of staff, where she said she managed over 150 employees and became familiar with the ins and outs of the office.

If elected, Clark says she would focus on expanding expungement clinics, bolstering data privacy for children, and work on relief from abuse orders. <u>Her platform</u> also addresses violence against women and environmental protections.

Her criminal justice reform includes plans to advocate for increased data collection related to racial disparities, require anti-bias training for criminal justice practitioners, and transform the cash bail system to a risk-based system. She says her first priority will be expanding access to criminal record sealings.

She plans to pass a statute codifying that judges can remove firearms from domestic abusers. Clark additionally released her <u>plan</u> for abortion access protections in response to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson.

Trivia: In 2021, she completed hiking the 272-mile Long Trail in Vermont.