

## WISCONSIN

Voters in Wisconsin this year will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. All 33 seats in the State Senate and all 99 seats in the State House will be on the ballot as well. The gubernatorial and attorney general contests are expected to be competitive. Republicans anticipate maintaining control of the legislature.

### Attorney General

#### Democratic Nominee

#### [Attorney General Josh Kaul](#)

Attorney General Josh Kaul (D) assumed office in 2019 after defeating incumbent Attorney General Brad Schimel (R) by a narrow margin. Prior to this he worked as a federal prosecutor in the Baltimore U.S. Attorney's office and in private practice with the law firm Jenner & Block.

In November 2021, Kaul [announced](#) Safer Wisconsin, a plan investing \$115 million into public safety efforts. Targets for the investment include law enforcement recruiting and retention, violence prevention programs, victim services, and mental health crisis response teams.

He [expresses](#) support for targeted school safety measures including funding the Office of School Safety and funding for mental health programs in schools.

Kaul [withdrew](#) an opinion by former Attorney General Schimel concluding that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources could not consider the cumulative impacts of all high capacity wells when making decisions regarding permits for high capacity wells.

He [hopes](#) to improve access to affordable healthcare insurance and supports Medicaid expansion in the state. His administration withdrew Wisconsin from a lawsuit that challenged the Affordable Care Act and joined an amicus brief filed against the lawsuit. Kaul has additionally announced that his office will not be enforcing the state's abortion procedure ban that went into effect after *Roe* was reversed.

Prior to the 2020 election, he joined with other state attorneys general in challenging changes made by the U.S. Postal Service to the absentee ballots receipt process.

*Trivia: Kaul's mother, Peg Lautenschlager, was also Attorney General of Wisconsin serving in the position from 2003 to 2007.*