

KANSAS

Voters in Kansas will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 125 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 100 Senate seats. The gubernatorial race is considered to be a toss-up. The Office of Attorney General is an open seat. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the legislature.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

Chris Mann

Political newcomer Chris Mann (D) has a lengthy legal and law enforcement background. He served on the Lawrence police force until suffering injuries sustained from a drunk driver crashing into his patrol car in 2002 while conducting a traffic stop. Afterwards, he became a prosecutor in Wyandotte County before serving as special assistant attorney general at the Kansas Securities Commission. He is <u>positioning</u> himself as the candidate who will place public safety above politics.

After the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturned *Roe* and the state's August vote to reject a proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution that would have denied women the right to abortion in Kansas, Mann <u>stated</u> he would not use office resources to limit abortion access.

He was <u>critical</u> of the decision by Attorney General Derek Schmidt, the GOP nominee for governor, to join a lawsuit originating in Texas intended at delve into 2020 election results in key states won by President Joe Biden. Mann states there is no justification for suits filed by an attorney general based on partisan political calculations.

In a period stretching from January through July of this year, Mann reported raising over \$300,000 and spending close to \$170,000. At the close of reporting, he still had a little over \$300,000 left in his campaign fund. In the two days following his primary win, his campaign reported raising over \$30,000 in the two-day window.

Trivia: Mann is a leader on DUI issues outside of Kansas, and has given presentations to the National Football League and industry professionals across the U.S.