

MICHIGAN

Voters in Michigan this year will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. All 38 seats in the State Senate and all 110 seats in the State House will be on the ballot as well. Michigan is a battleground state: all races are expected to be competitive.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

[Attorney General Dana Nessel](#)

Attorney General Dana Nessel (D) assumed office in 2019, after defeating former Michigan State House of Representatives Speaker Tom Leonard (R). Republicans had won the attorney general's office in five consecutive elections prior to Nessel's victory.

Nessel began her legal career as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. In 2005 she left to start her own legal firm, where she handled both criminal and civil cases. She is the founder of the Fair Michigan Foundation and co-founder of the Fair Michigan Justice Project.

Since taking office, Nessel has created several special units within the Michigan Department of Attorney General. These include a Conviction Integrity Unit, a Consumer Protection Division, a Hate Crime Unit, and an Elder Abuse Task Force.

She [joined](#) an alliance of states in defending the Affordable Care Act. She is also part of a coalition of attorneys general who have filed suit against generic drug manufacturers for conspiring to fix prices and allocate market shares.

Nessel has stated that her Environmental Protection Division is actively [working](#) to ensure Michiganders have access to clean air, water, and energy.

In the aftermath of the Larry Nassar scandal, Nessel launched an [investigation](#) into Michigan State University, the results of which charged three former employees with ties to Nassar.

Additionally, Nessel filed a [suit](#) against 17 companies for "intentionally hiding" health and environmental risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) pollution.

Trivia: Nessel is the second openly lesbian person to be elected attorney general after Massachusetts's Maura Healey (D) and is the first to be elected to statewide office in Michigan.