

MISSISSIPPI

Voters in Mississippi this year will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the governor's office, lieutenant governor's office, and office of the attorney general.

Attorney General

Republican Nominee

Attorney General Lynn Fitch

Attorney General Fitch is Mississippi's 40th attorney general and the first woman to serve in the office. She received both a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate at the University of Mississippi. She began her career as a Special Assistant Attorney General and later worked in private practice as a bond lawyer. Before her election to the attorney general's office, Fitch served as state treasurer from January 2012 through January 2020. Prior to this, she was the Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board (MSPB), served as Deputy Executive Director at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, and was Counsel for the Mississippi House of Representatives Ways and Means and Local and Private Legislation Committees.

Fitch gained national notoriety for her role in overturning *Roe v. Wade*. In her representation for the state, Fitch argued that ending most legalized abortions would expand rights for women, allowing them to pursue careers while raising children because modern developments, such as required maternal time, negate much of the original reasons for *Roe v. Wade*.

In June 2019, Fitch, along with 18 other attorneys general, sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Health to oppose a proposed rule and argue that states need access to information about residents who seek reproductive health outside of the state, noting concern that the federal government may use this rule to obstruct state rules that ban gender-affirming care.

During her term, Fitch helped pass Mississippi's equal pay law and led an effort to create a Department of Employment Security instead of an unemployment office.

Fitch recently joined an amicus brief, along with 20 other states, to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review a recent lower-level decision that established a Constitutional right to sleep in public areas.

In her next term, Fitch plans to ensure online protections for kids, advocate for a Medicaid expansion for new mothers for one year following birth, and continue to prosecute human trafficking while supporting victims.

Trivia: Fitch is the first Republican attorney general in Mississippi since 1878.