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Iowans will elect a governor, attorney general, and treasurer in November. All 100 house seats and 25 out of the 50 senate seats will be on the ballot as well. The gubernatorial race is considered competitive. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the AG office, treasurer's office, and the legislature.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

Nate Willems

Former state representative and attorney Nate Willems ran unopposed in the Democratic primary. Willems served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 2009 to 2013, where he served as vice chair of the Labor Committee and passed legislation aimed at strengthening workers' rights. Since 2010, he has worked as a full-time labor attorney and partner at Rush & Nicholson, P.L.C., representing tens of thousands of Iowa workers in cases involving wage theft, workers' rights, and on-the-job injuries.

Willems has identified **public safety** and protecting Iowans from **corporate misconduct** as his two top priorities if elected.

On the **labor** front, he has pledged to use the office to combat wage theft, prevent unpaid overtime and worker misclassification, and hold corporations accountable for workplace injuries.

He has also pledged to strengthen the state's **consumer protections** through the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division and would collaborate with prosecutors and local law enforcement to secure convictions for violent crimes.

As of the end of May, Willems reported \$856,000 cash on hand, a considerable gap compared to incumbent Attorney General Brenna Bird (R), who reported more than \$3.8 million over the same period. Name recognition and funding disparities may pose a challenge for Willems, regardless of the competitiveness of the race at the top of the ticket.

Trivia: Willems is a guest lecturer at the University of Iowa Labor Center.