

## WISCONSIN

Voters in Wisconsin will elect a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and treasurer in November. The gubernatorial race is open this cycle as Governor Tony Evers (D) is term limited. All 99 assembly seats and 17 of the state's 33 senate seats are also on the ballot. The state is considered a competitive battleground with multiple toss up races up and down the ballot.

### Attorney General

#### Democratic Nominee

#### Attorney General Josh Kaul

Attorney General Josh Kaul (D) is seeking a third term and ran unopposed in the Democratic primary. Speculation had circulated that he might instead pursue the open governor's seat, but in October 2025 he announced his intention to continue the initiatives his office had pursued over the previous two terms.

Kaul first took office in 2019 after narrowly defeating incumbent Attorney General Brad Schimel (R), and he was reelected in 2022 edging out Fond du Lac County District Attorney Eric Toney (R) by 1.5 percentage points. Before entering elected office, Kaul worked as a federal prosecutor in the Baltimore U.S. Attorney's Office and in private practice at Jenner & Block.

His [reelection campaign](#) emphasizes his record in office, pointing to **declines in opioid overdoses and violent crime, along with progress in processing DNA evidence in sexual assault cases**. Backlogs at the state's three crime labs have long been a point of contention and remain a frequent criticism from Eric Toney, who is again running as the Republican nominee this cycle.

Kaul has also been an outspoken advocate for **firearm policy reform**, supporting universal background checks and measures to close loopholes that allow individuals convicted of domestic violence to legally possess firearms.

Under his leadership, the Wisconsin Department of Justice has joined dozens of multistate **lawsuits challenging actions by the Trump Administration**, including cuts to federal funding and grants and efforts to limit birthright citizenship, among other issues.

**As with the governor's race, the Wisconsin Attorney General contest is widely considered a toss-up. Given that both candidates have already demonstrated their competitiveness in a prior matchup, this 2026 rematch appears poised to be another closely contested race.**

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