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This November, New Yorkers will elect a governor, attorney general, and comptroller. For the first time in 2026, gubernatorial candidates chose their running mates before the primary, and Governor Kathy Hochul (D) is up for reelection with a new running mate. All 150 assembly seats and all 63 senate seats are also on the ballot.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

Attorney General Letitia James

Attorney General Letitia James has served in her role since 2019 and is the first Black attorney general to serve the state of New York. Before taking office, James worked as a public defender, as an Assistant Attorney General in Brooklyn, and finally as a member of the New York City Council for 9 years. From 2013 until her election as Attorney General in 2018, James was the Public Advocate for New York City.

James' campaign notes her accomplishments in securing \$9 billion in settlements from individuals and corporations that broke state laws, including \$3 billion from manufacturers and distributors that were found [criminally liable in the opioid crisis](#). Her campaign also notes accomplishments in gun control, such as working to remove 3D printed "ghost guns" from New York streets, and in consumer protection by championing the [FAIR Business Practices Act](#) to limit predatory lending, mortgage agreements, and debt collection.

James' top priorities for a potential second term are **public safety, jobs and affordability, consumer protection, and healthcare**. James hopes to continue investigating abused business practices by pharmaceutical companies and private hospitals, protect tenants from illegal rent hikes, and develop enforcement procedures in emerging industries such as artificial intelligence.

Due to the prominence of James' legal battles with the President, her campaign has framed her as a bastion to protect New Yorkers from the President's agenda. James' campaign also notes that she has sued the Trump administration over 50 times to challenge executive orders on tariffs, higher education policy, and environmental and public safety funding.