

2014 STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE

State and Territorial Attorneys General (AG) Election Results

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

There are now 15 new Attorneys General (AGs): 13 newly-elected (AGs) in the states and the District of Columbia (including the September Supreme Court appointment of Herbert Slatery in Tennessee), plus new AGs in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. All incumbent AGs were re-elected.

Of the 13 new AGs in the states and D.C., there are eight Republicans and five Democrats.

Note that the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) is comprised of 56 states and territories. Of the states, there are 43 elected AGs and seven appointed, including five by the Governors in Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Wyoming; one selected by secret ballot of the Legislature in Maine and the other by the Supreme Court in Tennessee. In other NAAG jurisdictions, Governors appoint AGs in American Samoa, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and as indicated, they are elected in the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Northern Marianas Islands.

In 2015, of the 50 states AGs, there could likely be 27 Republicans and 23 Democrats. This composition could change, however, based on Governors' appointments.

MEET THE NEW AGs

The 15 new AGs as of November 4, 2014 are:

Arizona – **Mark Brnovich** (R), former head of the state Department of Gaming, previously worked for the Goldwater Institute and the Corrections Corporation of America.

Arkansas – **Leslie Rutledge** (R) is a former deputy prosecuting attorney. She also served as Deputy Counsel to then Governor Mike Huckabee, and as attorney for the state's Division of Children & Family Services.

Colorado – **Cynthia Coffman** (R) has served as Chief Deputy to AG John Suthers for the past nine and a half years. Her prior experience includes chief counsel to former Governor Bill Owens.

Delaware – **Matt Denn** (D) has served as the state's Lieutenant Governor since 2009. His prior experience includes service as Delaware's Insurance Commissioner and as Chief Counsel to former Governor Minner.

District of Columbia – **Karl Racine** (D), the first elected AG of DC, formerly was managing partner at the Venable law firm. A college basketball star, his prior legal experience includes three years as Associate White House Counsel in the Clinton Administration and service with the D.C. Public Defender's Office.

Guam – **Elizabeth Barrett Anderson** previously served as Attorney General of Guam from 1987 to 1994. Her government experience includes senator in the 23rd and 24th Guam Legislatures, and as a trial judge for 14 years in the Superior Court of Guam.

Maryland – **Brian Frosh** (D) is now serving his fifth term in the Maryland State Senate, representing Maryland's District 16 in Montgomery County. Prior to serving in the Senate, Frosh also represented District 16 in the Maryland House of Delegates, serving two, four-year terms.

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MEET THE NEW AGs (cont.)

Massachusetts – **Maura Healy** (D) served in AG Martha Coakley’s office, overseeing more than half of the office’s 500 employees. She began as Chief of the Civil Rights Division and later directed the Public Protection & Advocacy Bureau and the Business & Labor Bureau. Prior experience includes prosecutor in Middlesex County and litigation partner at WilmerHale. She spent two years as a point guard on a professional basketball team.

Nebraska – **Doug Peterson** (R) has experience in both private practice and government. He previously served as a Deputy County Attorney in North Platte and as an Assistant Attorney General in the AG Office.

Nevada – **Adam Laxalt** (R) served as a Judge Advocate in the Navy, as a Special Assistant in the U.S. Attorney’s Office and in private practice. His grandfather is former Nevada Senator Paul Laxalt.

New Mexico – **Hector Balderas** (D) served as an Assistant District Attorney and as a member of the New Mexico House of Representatives. He was elected state Auditor in 2006, becoming the youngest Hispanic statewide elected official in the country.

Northern Mariana Islands – **Edward Eladio Manibuson** won in this first year for the AG to be elected rather than appointed (party not known).

Tennessee – **Herbert Slatery** (R) was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve as AG in September. AG Slatery, who replaced former Democratic AG Bob Cooper, was formerly the chief legal counsel to Governor Bill Haslan. The AG was in private practice for 30 years with the law firm of McAfee, Amsted & Davis where he served as chair from 2008-2011.

Texas – **Ken Paxton** (R), former State Senator from Dallas, was elected with the support of the Tea Party and Senator Ted Cruz. He was first elected to the Texas Senate in 2012 after serving five terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

Wisconsin – **Brad Schimel** (R) has served as the Waukesha County District Attorney since his election in 2006. He began his career as a prosecutor in 1990 in the County Prosecutor’s Office. He plays bass in a classic rock band in his spare time.

INCUMBENTS RE-ELECTED

Incumbent AGs re-elected include the following:

Alabama – Luther Strange (R)
California – Kamala Harris (D)
Connecticut – George Jepsen (D)
Florida – Pam Bondi (R)
Georgia – Sam Olens (R)
Idaho – Lawrence Wasden (R)
Illinois – Lisa Madigan (D)
Iowa – Tom Miller (D)
Kansas – Derek Schmidt (R)
Michigan – Bill Schuette (R)

Minnesota – Lori Swanson (D)
New York – Eric Schneiderman (D)
North Dakota – Wayne Stenehjem (R)
Ohio – Mike DeWine (R)
Oklahoma – Scott Pruitt (R)
Rhode Island – Peter Kilmartin (D)
South Carolina – Alan Wilson (R)
South Dakota – Marty Jackley (R)
Utah – Sean Reyes (R)
Vermont – Bill Sorrell (D)