Guide to State Attorneys General
INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Dickstein Shapiro’s 2014 Guide to State Attorneys General (AG). The guide includes information on AGs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, including a photo and website address, year first elected or appointed, political party affiliation, NAAG leadership positions, and brief background and priorities summaries. We also include a map of the United States highlighting party affiliation.

State AGs continue to be active as a legal, policy, and political force. They enforce the laws of their individual states and work collaboratively on multistate investigations. Federal legislation also broadens their co-enforcement powers. This expanding influence continues to generate significant media exposure.

We hope that you find our guide to be a valuable resource. For ongoing updates and analysis on State AG activity across numerous industries, please visit our blog at: stateagmonitor.com or follow us on Twitter: @stateagmonitor.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

NAAG: National Association of Attorneys General
CWAG: Conference of Western Attorneys General
DAGA: Democratic Attorneys General Association
RAGA: Republican Attorneys General Association
CFPB: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
ALABAMA

Luther Strange (R)
First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Strange was the founding member of his own law firm in Birmingham, prior to which he was a Partner at Bradley Arant Rose & White, practicing in the area of economic development. He began his career working for the energy company Sonat, where he directed its Washington, DC office.
Current Leadership Positions: Member of NAAG Executive Committee; Chair of NAAG Southern Region.

ALASKA

Michael Geraghty (R)
First Appointed: 2012 (by Governor Sean Parnell)
Current Term Ends: N/A (Attorney General appointed by the Governor)
Background: AG Geraghty was a Partner in the Anchorage firm DeLisio Moran Geraghty & Zobel, P.C., where he specialized in representing businesses in complex litigation before state and federal courts. In 2011, he was elected to the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation.
Current Leadership Positions: Advisory Member of the Uniform Law Commission.
ARIZONA

Tom Horne (R)
First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Horne was Arizona’s State Superintendent of Schools. Prior to this, he served in the Arizona State Legislature, where he chaired the Academic Accountability Committee and served as Vice Chair of the Education Committee. AG Horne garnered more than 30 years of courtroom experience while he was a Partner at the Phoenix general litigation firm Horne Ducar Lorona & Slaton LLP.

ARKANSAS

Dustin McDaniel (D)
First Elected: 2006
Year of Next Election: 2014 (term limited)
Background: AG McDaniel practiced law at the Jonesboro law firm McDaniel and Wells and served in the Arkansas House of Representatives. Before attending law school, AG McDaniel served as a uniformed patrol officer for the Jonesboro Police Department. Among his priorities are consumer protection and combatting substance abuse.
Current Leadership Positions: Member of NAAG Tobacco Advisory Group.
CALIFORNIA

Kamala Harris (D)
First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Harris was the District Attorney of San Francisco and previously served as the head of the San Francisco City Attorney’s Division on Families and Children. In 1998, she was the Managing Attorney for the Career Criminal Unit of the San Francisco D.A.’s Office, and from 1990 to 1998, she was a Deputy D.A. in the Alameda County D.A.’s Office. The California AG Office is the country’s largest and focuses on many areas, including consumer protection, environmental issues, employment law, and others.

COLORADO

John Suthers (R)
First Elected: Appointed in 2005 to complete another AG’s term, elected to full term in 2006.
Year of Next Election: 2014 (term limited)
Background: A career prosecutor, AG Suthers is a former U.S. Attorney for Colorado. He has also served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections. He has initiated programs to protect children from Internet predators and created a Mortgage/Foreclosure Fraud Task Force.
George Jepsen (D)
First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: Before his election, AG Jepsen was in private practice at Ecker & Murphy, specializing in civil litigation, government compliance, and estate planning. Prior to this, he was Chairman of the Connecticut Democratic Party. Jepsen served in the Connecticut Senate from 1991 to 2003 and was Majority Leader from 1997 to 2003. Jepsen served in the Connecticut House of Representatives from 1987 to 1990. He began his legal career as Staff Counsel for the Carpenters' Union (UBC Local 210) for Western Connecticut.
Current Leadership Position: Co-Chair of DAGA; Vice President of NAAG Executive Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Antitrust Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Finance and Investment Committee.

Beau Biden (D)
First Elected: 2006
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Biden was a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia. He is also an officer in the Delaware Army National Guard JAG Corps and served in Iraq. His father is Vice President Joe Biden.
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Irvin Nathan (D)

First Appointed: 2010 (by Mayor Vincent Gray)
Year of Next Election: 2018 (at which time AG becomes elected position in the District of Columbia for the first time)

**Background:** AG Nathan was formerly head of Arnold & Porter’s white collar criminal defense practice. He left in 2007 to serve as General Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives. Before joining Arnold & Porter, AG Nathan served as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Special Minority Counsel for the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and Senior Counsel for the House Judiciary Committee. He has also taught as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and the University of San Diego Law School.

**FLORIDA**

Pam Bondi (R)

First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014

**Background:** AG Bondi has been a prosecutor for her entire 18-year career, beginning as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and later serving as an Assistant State Attorney, where she served as Felony Bureau Chief for Florida’s 13th Judicial Circuit in Tampa. She has also been a political commentator on Fox News.

**Current Leadership Positions:** Chair of NAAG Criminal Law Committee; Chair of NAAG Substance Abuse Committee.
GEORGIA

Sam Olens (R)
First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Olens was a Partner at Olens & Ezor from 1983 to 2010. He was elected Chairman of the Cobb County Commission in 2002 and won re-election, without opposition, in 2008. In 2004, he was elected Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission and also served as Vice Chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.
Current Leadership Positions: Chair of NAAG Elections Working Group; Chair of NAAG Financial Services, Consumer Protection, Enforcement, Education, and Training Fund Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG NAGTRI/Training Committee.

HAWAII

David Louie (D)
First Appointed: 2010 (by Governor Neil Abercrombie)
Current Term Ends: N/A (Attorney General appointed by the Governor)
Background: AG Louie was Managing Partner of the Honolulu firm Roeca Louie & Hiraoka, where for 33 years he practiced a wide variety of civil litigation, including insurance defense, personal injury, product liability, and commercial disputes. He also has served as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association.
Current Leadership Positions: Chair of NAAG Civil Rights Committee; Chair of NAAG Internet Safety/Cyber Privacy Committee.
**Idaho**

**Lawrence Wasden (R)**

First Elected: 2002  
Year of Next Election: 2014  
Background: Prior to being elected, AG Wasden worked in the Idaho State AG's Office for 18 years. He is a former President of NAAG, where his Presidential Initiative focused on energy issues. His priorities include consumer protection, victim assistance, Internet safety, and tobacco use.  
Current Leadership Position: Member of NAAG Executive Committee; Vice-Chair of CWAG; Member of NAAG Tobacco Advisory Group.

**Illinois**

**Lisa Madigan (D)**

First Elected: 2002  
Year of Next Election: 2014  
Background: AG Madigan served in the Illinois Senate and was in private practice. Her priorities include consumer protection, product safety, environmental issues, and open and accessible government. She has been very active on consumer financial protection issues. Her father has been Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives for all but two years since 1983.
**Indiana**

**Greg Zoeller (R)**

First Elected: 2008  
Year of Next Election: 2016  
Background: AG Zoeller served as the Chief Deputy to Indiana AG Steve Carter and as Chief of the Litigation Division and of Advisory Services. He was previously in private practice after serving as a staffer for then-Senator Dan Quayle and then as an Assistant to Vice President Quayle. AG Zoeller has made data protection and identity theft focal points of his tenure.  
Current Leadership Positions: Member of NAAG Executive Committee; Chair of NAAG Midwestern Region; Chair of Federalism/Preemption Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Tobacco Committee; Member of NAAG American Legacy Board of Directors Committee.

**Iowa**

**Tom Miller (D)**

First Elected: 1978  
Year of Next Election: 2014  
Background: AG Miller has served as AG since 1978, with the exception of four years in private practice from 1991 to 1994. He has worked extensively to prevent mortgage foreclosures and led the 50-AG task force that investigated alleged improprieties in the mortgage foreclosure industry, resulting in a $25 billion settlement from the nation’s five largest servicers in 2012.  
Current Leadership Positions: Vice-Chair of NAAG Federalism/Preemption Committee; Member of NAAG Tobacco Advisory Group; Member of NAAG American Legacy Board of Directors.


**Kansas**

**Derek Schmidt (R)**  
First Elected: 2010  
Year of Next Election: 2014  
Background: AG Schmidt was State Senate Majority Leader, having served in the legislature since 2000. Prior to this, he served as an Assistant AG and Special Counsel to Governor Bill Graves. While in law school, AG Schmidt was an Assistant to U.S. Senators Nancy Kassebaum and Chuck Hagel.  
Current Leadership Positions: Vice-Chair of NAAG Midwestern Region; Vice-Chair of NAAG Human Trafficking Committee.

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**Kentucky**

**Jack Conway (D)**  
First Elected: 2007  
Year of Next Election: 2015  
Background: AG Conway previously worked in private practice at the Louisville firm Conliffe, Sandmann & Sullivan, prior to which he served in various cabinet-level positions in former Governor Paul Patton’s administration. His priorities include consumer protection, product safety, and prosecuting drug crimes, including prescription drug abuse.  
Current AG Leadership Positions: Co-Chair of DAGA; Chair of NAAG Energy and Environment Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Substance Abuse Committee.
LOUISIANA

Buddy Caldwell (R)
First Elected: 2007
Year of Next Election: 2015
Background: AG Caldwell was originally elected AG as a Democrat but switched to the Republican Party in 2011. Prior to his election, he served as District Attorney of Louisiana’s 6th Judicial District, which includes the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas. As AG, he has taken action to combat Internet crime, protect intellectual property from counterfeiters, and fight corruption.
Current Leadership Positions: Vice-Chair of NAAG Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Relations Working Group.

MAINE

Janet Mills (D)
First Elected: 2008 (by Legislature)
Current Term Ends: 2014
Background: AG Mills was previously Maine AG from 2009 to 2011— the first woman to hold that position. She was out of office from 2011 until 2013 while the Republicans held the state legislature. Prior to her first term as AG, she served in the Maine House of Representatives beginning in 2002. AG Mills also worked in private practice from 2011 to 2012 during her hiatus from the AG position. She began her career as a state prosecutor and afterwards was elected to three terms as the state’s first female District Attorney. AG Mills’ priorities include enforcing consumer rights, especially unfair trade practices and predatory lending, and environmental justice.
Current Leadership Positions: Vice-Chair of NAAG Criminal Law Committee.
MARYLAND

Doug Gansler (D)
First Elected: 2006
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Gansler served as State Attorney for Montgomery County and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. AG Gansler has focused on consumer protection and environmental regulation, making preservation of the Chesapeake Bay a priority of his office.

MASSACHUSETTS

Martha Coakley (D)
First Elected: 2006
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Coakley previously served as a District Attorney in Middlesex County for an eight-year term, prior to which she practiced civil litigation at private law firms in Boston. Her office focuses on consumer protection and financial fraud, as well as on enforcing employment and wage and hour laws.
Current Leadership Positions: Member of Tobacco Advisory Group.
**Michigan**

**Bill Schuette (R)**

First Elected: 2010  
Year of Next Election: 2014  

Background: In 1984, AG Schuette was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served three terms. In 1994, he was elected to the Michigan State Senate representing the 35th District. In 2002, AG Schuette was elected to serve as a judge in the Michigan Court of Appeals 4th District for six years. AG Schuette also worked in private practice at Warner Norcross & Judd LLP as Senior Counsel specializing in litigation and appellate cases, as well as government affairs from 2008 to 2009. In 1991, he was named the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, a cabinet post he held for three years.

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**Minnesota**

**Lori Swanson (D)**

First Elected: 2006  
Year of Next Election: 2014  

Background: AG Swanson served as State Solicitor General and as Chair of the Consumer Advisory Council to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, DC in 2006. Prior to that, she was Minnesota’s Deputy AG. Her priorities include health care reform, consumer protection, and combating predatory mortgage lending and financial fraud.
**MISSISSIPPI**

**Jim Hood (D)**
First Elected: 2003
Year of Next Election: 2015
Background: AG Hood served as a District Attorney at the Third Circuit Court in North Mississippi and as a Special Assistant AG. AG Hood has consistently advocated for crime victims and worked to safeguard Mississippi's most vulnerable citizens, children, and the elderly. As a prosecutor, he successfully prosecuted several historic cases, including the conviction of Edgar Ray Killen for the 1964 murders of three civil rights workers. He also founded the nation’s leading Cyber Crime Unit and Fusion Center.

Current Leadership Positions: President of NAAG (2014-2015); Chair of NAAG Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Relations Working Group; Chair of NAAG Meeting Planning Committee; Chair of NAAG Strategic Planning Implementation Committee; Member of ABA Criminal Justice Section.

**MISSOURI**

**Chris Koster (D)**
First Elected: 2008
Year of Next Election: 2016
Background: AG Koster served as a member of the Missouri Senate from 2004 to 2008 as a Republican. He became a Democrat in 2006. He represented the 31st District, which includes Cass, Johnson, Bates, and Vernon Counties. He has also been a county prosecutor and an Assistant AG in the Missouri AG’s Office. His priorities include workers’ rights, environmental laws, and fighting urban crime and methamphetamine abuse.

Current Leadership Position: Chair of NAAG Tobacco Committee.
Montana

Tim Fox (R)
First Elected: 2012
Year of Next Election: 2016
Background: AG Fox previously worked as a public defender and maintained a civil law practice. In 1998, he worked for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality as a Special Assistant AG. In 1999, AG Fox served as Vice President and Legal Counsel of Mountain West Bank for four years before returning to private practice with Gough Shanahan Johnson & Witerman, PLLP. His priorities include upholding the Second Amendment, preserving state rights, protecting children from sexual predators, and improving Montana's legal environment to help small businesses.
Current Leadership Positions: Member of NAAG Executive Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Intellectual Property Committee.

Nebraska

Jon Bruning (R)
First Elected: 2002
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Bruning previously was a state legislator and in private practice. He was also General Counsel of Vital Learning Corporation. As a former President of NAAG, he made child online safety his priority. AG Bruning's other priorities include fighting against methamphetamine abuse and sexual predators and working for consumer protection.
Current Leadership Position: Vice-Chair of NAAG Internet Safety/Cyber Privacy Committee; Member of NAAG Tobacco Advisory Group.
Catherine Cortez Masto (D)
First Elected: 2006  
Year of Next Election: 2014 (term limited)
Background: AG Cortez Masto previously worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and as Chief of Staff to former Governor Bob Miller. In January 2002, she was appointed Assistant County Manager for Clark County. AG Cortez Masto’s priorities are consumer protection, including consumer financial protection, identity theft, and cyber crime.

Joseph Foster (D)
First Appointed: 2013 (by Governor Maggie Hassan)  
Current Term Ends: 2017
Background: AG Foster assumed office in May 2013, succeeding former AG Michael Delaney, who did not seek reappointment to the position. Prior to his confirmation as Attorney General, AG Foster served in both the state’s House and Senate. He chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee and served two years as the Senate Majority Leader. He also worked in private practice for 29 years focusing on bankruptcy.
NEW JERSEY

John Jay Hoffman (R)
First Appointed: 2013 (by Governor Chris Christie)
Current Term Ends: N/A (Attorney General appointed by the Governor)
Background: John Hoffman is the Acting Attorney General having been appointed by Governor Chris Christie after the Governor appointed former-AG Jeffrey Chiesa to fill the Senate seat left vacant by the late Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). Attorney General Hoffman served as New Jersey’s Executive Assistant Attorney General under former AG Chiesa. Before he worked in the AG Office, AG Hoffman served as Director of the Division of Investigations for the State Comptroller’s Office and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney where he focused on economic and white collar criminal prosecutions. He also worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and in private practice. Following law school, AG Hoffman served as a Post-Doctoral Fellow on the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo Japan. He also clerked for Judge Engle on the 6th Circuit.

NEW MEXICO

Gary King (D)
First Elected: 2006
Year of Next Election: 2014 (term limited)
Background: AG King served as a state legislator and as an environmental consultant. He also holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry. His priorities include improving access to public records, improving protections for consumer borrowers, enhancing border security, and combating drug and human trafficking. He established a state “Do Not Call” list and acted to protect consumers from identity fraud. AG King sits on the Council of State Governments.
**New York**

**Eric Schneiderman (D)**  
First Elected: 2010  
Year of Next Election: 2014  
Background: AG Schneiderman previously served in the New York State Senate from 1998 until 2010. Before his time in the State Senate, he worked at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart in the area of complex litigation. While in private practice, he served as counsel to the West Side Crime Prevention Program. Before attending law school, AG Schneiderman served for two years as a Deputy Sheriff in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. New York’s AG Office is among the largest in the nation and has focused extensively on consumer financial protection, among other issues.

**North Carolina**

**Roy Cooper (D)**  
First Elected: 2000  
Year of Next Election: 2016  
Background: Prior to his election, AG Cooper served as a state legislator and worked in private practice. He was re-elected AG without opposition in 2012. AG Cooper is a Past President of NAAG, where his Presidential Initiative was protecting consumers from financial fraud in a time of economic recovery.  
Current Leadership Positions: Vice-Chair of NAAG Strategic Planning Implementation Committee.
**North Dakota**

Wayne Stenehjem (R)

*First Elected: 2000
Year of Next Election: 2014*

**Background:** AG Stenehjem served as a state legislator in both chambers from 1976 to 2000. His focus has been on crime, specifically methylamphetamine use and sex offenses. He has also established a state “Do Not Call” list and acted to protect consumers from identity fraud. He sits on the Council of State Governments.

**Current Leadership Positions:** Vice-chair of NAAG Consumer Protection Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Energy and Environment Committee; Member of Council of State Governments.

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**Ohio**

Mike DeWine (R)

*First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014*

**Background:** Immediately prior to becoming AG, AG DeWine practiced law with Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL in Cincinnati, where he served as Corporate Investigations Group Co-Chair. Previously, he was a two-term U.S. Senator, where he sat on the Judiciary and Select Intelligence Committees. From 1990 to 1994, AG DeWine served as Ohio’s Lieutenant Governor. In 1980, he was elected to the Ohio Senate, serving one term, after serving as Greene County Prosecutor.

**Current Leadership Positions:** Chair of NAAG Antitrust Committee.
Oklahoma

Scott Pruitt (R)
First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Pruitt was a Co-Owner and General Manager of the Oklahoma City Redhawks. From 1999 to 2006, he served in the State Senate. AG Pruitt also worked for six years in private practice in Tulsa, where he specialized in constitutional law, contracts, insurance, and labor law.

Oregon

Ellen Rosenblum (D)
First Elected: Appointed in 2012 to fill a vacancy, elected to full term in 2012.
Year of Next Election: 2016
Background: AG Rosenblum is Oregon’s first female AG. Prior to her appointment, she was a judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals for six years, and before that she was an Oregon circuit court and district court judge. AG Rosenblum began her career in private practice at a firm in Eugene and, after five years, became an Assistant U.S. Attorney for nine years, specializing in prosecuting financial crimes.
Current Leadership Positions: Member of NAAG Executive Committee.
Pennsylvania

Kathleen Kane (D)
First Elected: 2012
Year of Next Election: 2016
Background: AG Kane is Pennsylvania’s first elected Democratic AG. She began her career practicing civil litigation with the Philadelphia firm Post & Schell, P.C. She then became an Assistant District Attorney and was selected to head Lackawanna County’s first Insurance Fraud Task Force. AG Kane’s priorities include crime prevention and prosecuting violent crime, protecting seniors from fraud and abuse, preserving the state’s natural resources, and ensuring responsible energy extraction.
Current Leadership Position: Vice-Chair of NAAG Eastern Region; Member of NAAG Executive Committee.

Rhode Island

Peter Kilmartin (D)
First Elected: 2010
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Kilmartin previously served as a State Representative, having been first elected in 1990. From 2004 to 2010, he served as House Majority Whip. During his time in the legislature, he also worked in private practice in Providence, before which he served in the Pawtucket Police Department for 24 years, retiring as Captain.
Current Leadership Position: Member of NAAG Executive Committee; Chair of NAAG Eastern Region; Chair of NAAG Consumer Protection Committee; Chair of NAAG NAGTRI/Training Committee; Member of NAAG Criminal Law Committee; Member of International Association of Prosecutors.
**South Carolina**

**Alan Wilson (R)**

First Elected: 2010  
Year of Next Election: 2014

*Background:* AG Wilson practiced law at the Columbia firm Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A. He also served in Iraq and is an officer in the JAG Corps of the South Carolina National Guard. Upon graduation from law school, his first position was with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. He is the son of South Carolina Congressman Joe Wilson. Prior to entering private practice, AG Wilson served as an Assistant Attorney General in the South Carolina AG’s office and was an Assistant Solicitor in Lexington County.

*Current Leadership Positions:* Chair of RAGA; Chair of NAAG Veterans Affairs Committee.

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**South Dakota**

**Marty Jackley (R)**

First Elected: Appointed in 2009 to fill a vacancy, elected to full term in 2010.  
Year of Next Election: 2014

*Background:* AG Jackley served as U.S. Attorney for South Dakota since 2006, prior to which he was Special Assistant to the AG and worked in private practice.

*Current Leadership Positions:* President-Elect of NAAG; Member of NAAG Executive Committee; Chair of CWAG; Chair of NAAG Finance and Investment Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Meeting Planning Committee; Member of Tobacco Advisory Group.
Tennessee

Robert Cooper, Jr. (D)
First Appointed: 2006 (by Tennessee Supreme Court)
Current Term Ends: 2014
Background: AG Cooper served as Legal Counsel to Governor Phil Bredesen. He has focused on consumer protection, combating identity theft, and prosecuting fraudulent foreclosure rescue companies.
Current Leadership Positions: Chair of NAAG Intellectual Property Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Veterans Affairs Committee; Vice-Chair of NAAG Elections Working Group; Member of ABA House of Delegates.

Texas

Greg Abbott (R)
First Elected: 2002
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Abbott was a Texas Supreme Court Justice and a State District Judge. His priorities include Medicaid waste and fraud, senior abuse, and identity theft. He also took action to protect Texas in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
Utah

Sean Reyes (R)
First Appointed: 2013
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Reyes, who ran for AG in 2012, was appointed by Governor Gary Herbert following the resignation of John Swallow. Prior to his appointment, AG Reyes practiced law for 14 years as a litigation partner with a Utah law firm, Parsons Behle & Latimer. He later started Reyes Legal Management and became a partner with Accelerate Ventures, overseeing legal strategy and execution for venture capital funds.

Vermont

Bill Sorrell (D)
Year of Next Election: 2014
Background: AG Sorrell has served as Vermont’s Secretary of Administration and worked in other state offices. From 1978 to 1989, he was in private practice. AG Sorrell’s office has prioritized consumer protection, nutrition and obesity, tobacco, pharmaceutical marketing, and lead exposure issues.
Current Leadership Positions: Member of NAAG Executive Committee; Chair of NAAG Mission Foundation; Vice-Chair of NAAG Civil Rights Committee; Member of NAAG Tobacco Advisory Group.
**Virginia**

**Mark Herring (D)**  
First Elected: 2013  
Year of Next Election: 2017  
Background: AG Herring served in the Virginia Senate for eight years. His noted accomplishments in the legislature included working closely with law enforcement and prosecutors to keep dangerous, new synthetic drugs off the shelves, and championing legislation to target those who would commit financial scams against seniors. In 1999, AG Herring began his career in public service as a member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.  
**Current Leadership Positions:** Vice-Chair of NAAG Southern Region.

**Washington**

**Bob Ferguson (D)**  
First Elected: 2012  
Year of Next Election: 2016  
Background: AG Ferguson was a King County Councilmember and served as Chair of the Council’s Law, Justice, Health, and Human Services Committee. He clerked for Chief Judge William Nielsen of the Eastern District of Washington, and then for Judge Myron Bright on the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. He then joined the litigation department of K&L Gates LLP. His priorities are protecting seniors, families, and small business owners; cracking down on identity theft and sexual predators; creating a Veterans Division to focus on consumer protection and access to benefits; and creating an Environmental Crimes Task Force.  
**Current Leadership Positions:** Co-Chair of DAGA; Chair of NAAG Human Trafficking Committee.
**West Virginia**

**Patrick Morrisey (R)**  
First Elected: 2012  
Year of Next Election: 2016  
**Background:** AG Morrisey was in private practice as a healthcare lawyer and served as Partner and Co-Chair of King & Spalding LLP’s Food and Drug and Life Science Group. He has also been a Partner at Sidley & Austin LLP. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Staff Director and Chief Health Care Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee. AG Morrisey began his career as a solo practitioner in private practice. He has also served on the Jefferson County Republican Executive Committee.

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**Wisconsin**

**J.B. Van Hollen (R)**  
First Elected: 2006  
Year of Next Election: 2014  
**Background:** AG Van Hollen served as a state prosecutor for nine years before being appointed U.S. Attorney for Western Wisconsin, where he served for three years. His priorities include fighting illegal drug use, identity theft, and Internet crimes against children.  
**Current Leadership Position:** Immediate Past President of NAAG; Ex-Officio Board Member of National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
Wyoming

Peter Michael
First Appointed: 2013 (by Governor Matt Mead (R))
Current Term Ends: N/A (Attorney General appointed by the Governor)
Background: Wyoming is one of five states in which the Governor appoints the Attorney General. Governor Mead named Peter Michael, who had served as an Assistant Attorney General, interim Attorney General in July 2013 after the previous Attorney General, Gregory Phillips, was confirmed in his appointment as judge to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. AG Michael was officially appointed in September 2013.
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