

Johnson County Public Policy Council  
2018 Kansas Attorney General Candidate Questionnaire

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**Occupation/Work History** (last 5 years – 25 words or less):

Kansas Attorney General, 2011-present

**If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:**

I have for years served on the board of Independence Industries, Inc., an economic development organization in Independence, KS.

**Other recent political/community experience?** (25 words or less)

2017-2018 President, National Association of Attorneys General

**As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues?** (10 words or less per line)

Fighting elder abuse, combating child abuse, upholding the rule of law.

**What do you believe is the biggest challenge currently facing the Attorney General's Office?** (75 words or less)

Competing for professional talent in a competitive marketplace.

**Why are you seeking this public office?** (50 words or less)

I have had the privilege of serving as attorney general for the past two terms. I would like to continue building on our strong record of consumer protection, supporting public safety, expanding protections for seniors and children, providing professional legal services for the state and standing up against federal overreach.

**What project have you been most proud to work on?** (50 words or less)

Construction of a modern forensic science lab for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation; leading the National Association of Attorneys General national initiative "Protecting America's Seniors: Attorneys General United Against Elder Abuse."

**What do you think most distinguishes you from your opponent(s)?** (50 words or less)

For the past seven years, I have led the professionals at the office of the attorney general in its diverse structure and varied obligations and responsibilities.