Attorney General of Minnesota

Three candidates are running for the position of Attorney General of Minnesota. Incumbent Lori Swanson is not seeking re-election. The person elected will serve a four-year term. Candidate answers are in their own words and unchanged.

*denotes incumbent	What are some of the main policy issues that your campaign is running on?	What should Minnesotans expect from you if elected attorney general?	How will your previous experience make you better suited for the role of attorney general?	How do your proposed policies align with those of today's political party landscape and how do they differ, if at all?	Why should Minnesotans vote for you as their new attorney general?
Keith Ellison (DFL) Ellison **Age:** 55 **Occupation:** Congressman **Website:** keithellison.org **Facebook:** facebook.com/Ellison Campaign/ **Twitter:** twitter.com/EllisonCampaign/ **Family:** Keith is the proud father of four children – Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah and Amirah.	As Attorney General, I will fight for affordable health care, accountability for corporations that break the law, an economy that works for everyone, and equal rights and opportunities for everyone in our state.	Minnesotans can expect a People's Lawyer. Powerful corporate interests already have attorneys and politicians on their side. Minnesotans need an Attorney General who will stand up for consumers, workers, farmers, seniors, students, and all Minnesotans over corporate special interests.	Before serving as State Representative and Congressman, I spent 16 years as an attorney specializing in public defense law, including five years as the Executive Director of the Legal Rights Center, where I managed a team of lawyers to protect the Constitutional right to a fair trial.	The job of the Attorney General is to ensure the Constitutional rights of all Minnesotans are protected, not to pursue a partisan agenda. What we need in an Attorney General is someone who will ensure our state works for the people of Minnesota, not special interests.	While my opponent wants to use the Office to push a dangerous and divisive agenda to further enrich and empower corporate interests, I will fight for affordable health care, an economy that works for all, and equal rights and opportunities for everyone in our state.
Noah Johnson (Other) Johnson **Age:** 29 **Occupation:** Attorney **Website:** www.legalcannabisnow.org/ **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/JohnsonForAG/ **Twitter:** twitter.com/nmjohnson89 **Family:** Single	My campaign's primary focus is marijuana legalization, an issue ripe to be addressed and which would notably increase the proportion of justice and liberty in society, as well as foster public safety and decrease wasteful spending.	A fair deal, and a commitment to protect the liberty of all Minnesotans and to serve them justice.	My political activism and volunteer work, along with my youth and willingness to fight injustices in government, uniquely qualify me to serve the people intelligently and passionately.	My policies, especially marijuana legalization, enjoy broad bipartisan support among the people, but have been stifled by corporate interests the party establishment. As a third party candidate, I will not be afraid to fight for what is right and reject big business and big politics.	To change the direction of our government so that rather than submitting to the elite few, it serves the interests of all our people.
Doug Wardlow (R) Wardlow **Age:** 40 **Occupation:** Constitutional Lawyer **Website:** dougwardlowAG.com **Facebook:** facebook.com/DougWardlowforAG **Twitter:** twitter.com/doug_wardlow **Family:** Wife, Jenny; three children, ages 8, 6, and 2	As Attorney General, I will protect consumers, fight financial scams, fight for lower healthcare prices, prosecute welfare fraud, fight sanctuary-city policies, crack down on opioid pushers, combat elder abuse, fight human trafficking, and stand with law enforcement to make Minnesota safe.	Minnesotans should expect that I will work tirelessly every day to defend the legal and constitutional rights of all of the people of Minnesota. I will stand up for the rule of law and work for a safe, fair, prosperous, and free Minnesota.	I've spent my career defending our most important legal and constitutional rights–from property rights, to free speech, to religious liberty, to economic liberty. I've also fought for Minnesota jobs in international-trade disputes and as a state representative. I'm ready to be Minnesota's lawyer.	The job of the attorney general shouldn't be political. I am running to take the politics out of the office, enforce the law, and defend the legal rights of every Minnesotan.	My wife Jenny and I have three young children. I want them to grow up in a Minnesota where the streets are safe, the law is respected, and the weakest among us are protected. That's the job of the attorney general, and that's why I'm running. I'll make Minnesota fair and safe.