

# Republican Attorneys General Association: Wisconsin State Journal says stick with Brad Schimel for attorney general

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Our endorsement: Stick with Brad Schimel for attorney general

Wisconsin State Journal

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*Brad Schimel has done a solid job as Wisconsin's attorney general for four years, and he previously led the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office, serving as a prosecutor for nearly a quarter century.*

*That's a lot of experience, including handling thousands of court cases and managing large government institutions. The state Justice Department employs the equivalent of 680 full-time people, with a \$134 million annual budget. And Waukesha is Wisconsin's third-largest county. Schimel's resume is considerably more substantial and applicable to the attorney general's job than that of his opponent, political newcomer Josh Kaul.*

*... But Kaul, a Democrat, lacks significant management experience. When asked about that weakness during a meeting with the State Journal editorial board last week, Kaul pointed to the many law enforcement officers he worked with on drug, homicide and gang-related cases on the East Coast. Those cases were important. But working with colleagues is different than managing them and their budgets.*

*Schimel, a Republican, offers voters in the Nov. 6 election for attorney general a broader skill set and stronger record of accomplishment. He enjoys bipartisan support from sheriffs and district attorneys across the state, and [he stood up for Wisconsin's open records law](#) — against members of his own party, who wanted to gut transparency rules — when it mattered the most.*

***The Wisconsin State Journal editorial board endorses Schimel for another four-year term.***

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