



2010 State Attorney General Candidate Questionnaire

This questionnaire is intended to gauge how candidates for attorney general, if elected, would hire and use outside counsel to represent the state. Your response via email, fax or mail is appreciated before APRIL 30, 2010.

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<i>For each statement below, please check the box(es) which best reflect your position if elected in 2010. * You may check more than one box for each statement.</i>	Will institute as an AG office policy	Will champion legislation to codify	Already required by state statute	I will not take action on this issue
DISCLOSURE: All contracts with vendors, including outside counsel, who provide services to the state or perform legal work in the name of the state, should be posted on the Internet for public inspection.	✓			
VALUE: In every instance, the attorney general should seek to provide the highest quality services at the best value to state citizens when contracting with outside counsel. Unless an extraordinary situation requires assistance from a specific legal expert with technical or scientific experience not generally available, every effort should be made to competitively bid contracts for outside counsel.	✓			
OVERSIGHT: Given that contingent fee-based contracts are often used when attorneys general are pursuing litigation that potentially has a significant public policy or regulatory impact, such contracts should be subject to review by the Legislature.	✓			
REPORTING: Outside counsel providing services to the attorney general on behalf of a state's citizens and taxpayers on a contingent fee basis shall be required to disclose detailed information on the hours worked, services performed, and fees received from the state, as long as this reporting does not undermine the attorney-client privilege.	<i>Don't know need info</i>			
ACCOUNTABILITY: All monies recovered by the attorney general in excess of \$250,000 as a result of lawsuits won or settled by the state should be deposited in the state treasury for appropriation by the legislature unless a settlement with the attorney general's office stipulates that the funds shall be allocated to a specific entity. At no time, shall an attorney general enter into a settlement that allows the office of the attorney general to disseminate funds at its discretion.	✓			
As Attorney General, will you support some version of the model legislation developed by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), called the Private Attorney Retention Sunshine Act (PARSA), which codifies the five principles outlined above? (circle one)				
		YES	NO	
As attorney general, would you accept campaign contributions from private-sector attorneys or firms who seek to represent the state as outside counsel? (circle one)				
		YES	NO	