



NAME OF EVENT: Protecting Voters & Our Votes: State Attorneys General on Democracy's Frontlines

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: October 5, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET | Virtual

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

A state attorney's general duty to protect the public interest has frequently involved protecting voters and elections. State AGs have a variety of tools to help ensure that all eligible Americans can vote and that their votes will be counted. That work has intensified with a President and federal administration that has been working to prevent eligible Americans from registering to vote, keep them from voting, and prevent their votes from being counted. What is the status of the legal challenges to the federal government's actions? What are the state-level challenges state attorneys general are addressing? And how can people outside attorney general offices work to protect voters and their votes? Join ACS for an important conversation with two state attorneys general on the frontlines working to ensure that the will of the people prevails.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

Nick Brown, *Washington State Attorney General*

Peter F. Neronha, *Rhode Island Attorney General*

Dahlia Lithwick, *Senior Editor, Slate (Moderator)*

Agenda of Panel: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (1.0 hours of CLE)

- Introductions / Opening Remarks (5 min)
- Moderated Discussion (55 min)

Materials for Panel:

Derek Clinger, *How State Laws May Constrain Law Enforcement Seizures of Election Materials*, STATE DEMOCRACY RESEARCH INITIATIVE (Aug. 25, 2026).

Kaylie Martinez-Ochoa, Eileen O'Connor, and Patrick Berry, *Tracker of Justice Department Requests for Voter Information*, BRENNAN CTR. FOR JUSTICE (updated Sept. 23, 2026).

Press Release, Rhode Island Att'y Gen. Office, *Attorney General Neronha, coalition sue USPS over unlawful attempt to interfere with states' vote-by-mail procedures* (Aug. 26, 2026).

Press Release, Washington State Office of the Att'y Gen, *Office of the Secretary of State and*



Attorney General's Office release guide on state and federal election authorities (Sept. 3, 2026).

Press Release, Washington State Office of the Att'y Gen., *AG Brown blocks Trump administration's election power grab* (June 25, 2026).

Reed Shaw, *No, Trump Can't Withhold Anti-Terrorism Funds to Pressure States to Change Their Election Rules*, JUST SECURITY (July 23, 2026).

Harrison Stark, *Can States Stop the Administration's Deployment of Troops or ICE to the Polls?*, STATE DEMOCRACY RESEARCH INITIATIVE (Sept. 17, 2026).

State of California v. Trump, Memorandum & Order, 1:26-cv-11581-IT (D. Mass. June 25, 2026).

State of Washington v. Trump, Complaint, 2:25-cv-00602, (W.D. Wash. Apr 04, 2025) ECF No. 1.

State of Washington v. Trump, Plaintiffs' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, 2:25-cv-00602, (W.D. Wash. May 29, 2025) ECF No. 37.

United States v. Hobbs, Order Granting Motions to Dismiss, 3:25-cv-06078-KKE (W.D. Wash. Sept. 22, 2026).

United States Postal Service v. California, Order Denying Stay, 609 U. S. ____ (2026).

Protecting Voting Rights, RHODE ISLAND ATT'Y GEN. OFFICE.

Know Your Voting Rights, WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATT'Y GEN.