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Upcoming State Party Conventions

Indiana voters selected the candidates for governor and all federal offices in last month's primary election.

But candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general will be chosen by each party's respective delegates at upcoming state conventions.

Republicans will hold their state convention in Indianapolis June 14-15.

Democrats will hold their state convention a month later on July 13.

Lieutenant Governor

Democrat Jennifer McCormick has yet to announce a running mate and her selection likely will be ratified by delegates to the party's state convention. Given that McCormick is a former Republican, it will be interesting to see who her lieutenant governor pick will be.

Republican Mike Braun announced State Representative Julie McGuire of Indianapolis as his preferred running mate and is currently engaged in a [statewide tour](#) to support her among the 1,800 delegates to the party's state convention.

But Noblesville pastor-activist Micah Beckwith has engaged in a months-long [campaign](#) to woo GOP delegates to select him as the party's lieutenant governor candidate, making this month's state convention more than just a formality.

Attorney General

Incumbent Attorney General Todd Rokita will run [unopposed](#) within the Indiana Republican Party, as no one filed before deadline to seek the office. He is touting Donald Trump's (post-conviction) [endorsement](#).

Two Democrat women are running for their party's AG nod: former secretary of state candidate Destiny Wells and former Marion County Clerk Beth White.

The Wells campaign is seeking to leverage her statewide name ID and military background in the [campaign](#).

White seems to be leaning into her legal and prosecutorial [background](#), as well as her advocacy for victims of sexual assault and human trafficking.

Either Wells or White can be counted upon to contrast with the actions and positions of Rokita while he has served in the office.

By mid-July all the above should be sorted out and the full statewide tickets and party platforms set.

Odds & Ends

Wendy Dant Chesser is the [newest member](#) of the Indiana General Assembly from House District 71, replacing Rep. Rita Fleming (D-Jeffersonville) who resigned last month.

Paige Miller, a founder of Hamilton County Moms for Liberty, has [launched](#) an independent run for governor with running mate Jamie Reitenour, an unsuccessful candidate in the GOP primary. The pair must secure the signatures of 37,000 registered voters by July 1 to qualify for the ballot.

Joe Donnelly announced he is [resigning his post](#) as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican and returning to Indiana. His resignation is effective July 8.

Indiana Republicans [rushed to defend](#) Donald Trump last week after a jury found him guilty of 34 counts of falsifying business records in his New York "hush money" trial.

Indianapolis attorney and political commentator Abdul Hakim Shabazz had a [different take](#) on the former president's trial and verdict.