

NAME: Greg Hecht
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Attorney General



Why are you seeking your office?

My wife Cheri and I decided to enter this race in response to the child safety crisis here in our state. In 2013 alone, 180 children with a history at the Department of Family and Children Services died of abuse and neglect. The state is failing our most vulnerable Georgians. Georgia's policy, which is to place children back into homes where there is drug abuse, alcohol abuse and family violence is the wrong policy. As Attorney General, my priority will be protecting our most vulnerable Georgians.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I will prosecute public corruption without regard to politics. Georgia is 50th out of 50 states in prosecuting public corruption. The State forced out its own Ethics Director and Deputy Director for investigating corruption and paid \$3 million dollars in tax money to settle the resulting whistleblower cases. The Attorney General intentionally withheld evidence of threats in these cases from the Court, the whistleblowers and the citizens of Georgia, as described in the new Ethics Director's Memo. I will prosecute public corruption without regard to politics as your next Attorney General.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

My experience as a prosecutor sets me apart from my opponent. I served as an Assistant District Attorney for the State of Georgia for four years, where I prosecuted violent criminals, child abusers, murderer, identity thieves, and drug dealers. I am able to fight for Georgia's most vulnerable, and to prosecute public corruption without regard to politics.

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Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

Georgia is the 6th-worst in the nation in child-abuse deaths. Our system is broken. I will ensure that the state's attorneys provide the legal resources child welfare workers need to keep children safe. Abused children must not be returned to settings where the abuse happened, and strict accountability, training and transparency measures will be implemented to ensure that child welfare workers and families have the information and resources to do what is best for at risk children.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

After graduating from UGA Law, I served as an Assistant District Attorney for Georgia for four years, where I prosecuted violent criminals. I served three terms in the Georgia legislature, where I authored laws to protect children and the elderly, to protect the HOPE Scholarship, and provide financial relief for Georgia taxpayers. I served 16 years on the Alzheimer's Services Board, 10 years on the Habitat Board, and 9 years on the Board of a group home provider for abused children. I started a small business, a law firm with 10 employees. My wife Cheri and I have three daughters.