



AG & Corporation Commissioner — GOPs

GOPs will pick attorney general nominee

- * **Annual salary:**
\$132,825
- * **Term of office:**
four years
- * **Who can vote on this office? All registered Republicans in the state**

Ryan Leonard
Age: 38
Lives: Oklahoma City
Work: Attorney, Canadian County assistant district attorney, 2001-02; senior aide to U.S. Sen. Don Nickles, 1994-98
Family: Wife Carrie, three children
Education: Boston College; JD, OU
Member: Oklahoma City Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Scott Pruitt
Age: 42
Lives: Broken Arrow
Work: State Senator, 1998-06; general managing partner of Oklahoma City Redhawks, 2004
Education: BS political science and communications, 1990, Georgetown College; JD, 1993, Tulsa University

Only Republicans will vote for attorney general in the primary election. Candidates are Ryan Leonard, Oklahoma City, and Scott Pruitt, Broken Arrow. The winner of the July 27 primary will

face Democrat Jim Priest, an Oklahoma City attorney, in the general election. Incumbent Drew Edmondson is not running for re-election. He is a Democrat candidate for governor.



Ryan Leonard



Scott Pruitt

If you were AG today, would you challenge the federal health care law?

Leonard: I was one of the first in the country to call for a constitutional challenge to the federal health care bill by the Attorneys General. As Attorney General, I will file a challenge to the health care law immediately, and will be a leading voice for pushing back on constitutional and legal grounds when Washington threatens to infringe upon our personal and economic freedoms.

Pruitt: Did not reply to questionnaire.

What changes in Oklahoma law would you advocate and support if you're elected AG?

Leonard: As Attorney General, I will fight to keep our children and families safe from methamphetamine and other serious drugs, protect our seniors from those who threaten to take advantage, prosecute public officials who violate the public's trust and will work to create a positive legal environment where we can grow all of Oklahoma, including rural Oklahoma (I am a native of western Oklahoma). I will also be a staunch advocate for our constitutional and Second Amendment freedoms.

What will you do to make sure public officials follow state law?

Leonard: I will have a zero tolerance policy for public corruption. Public officials who violate the public's trust will be vigorously prosecuted.

Do you support keeping the date of birth of public employees as open records? What about autopsy reports?

Leonard: I support an open and transparent government, including allowing open access to the dates of birth of public employees and autopsy reports.

State Republicans will decide corporation commissioner race

There were no Democrats to file for the state corporation commissioner job so Republicans will decide that race in the July 27 primary election.

In the race for the job are Dana Murphy of Edmond and Tod Yeager of Del City. Murphy is the incumbent. *The Clipper* was unable to find any information on Yeager. He did not respond.

What could you do about making the corporation commission more user-friendly to citizens?

Murphy: Making the Commission more user-friendly involves easier access to more understandable data on the website as well as taking the Commission out into the communities across the State so Oklahomans know who we are and what we do. As a current Corporation Commissioner, I have already caused more data about important rate cases and other cases to be posted on the website of the Commission and soon, a new website will be on-line. In just over a year and half in office, I have traveled over 20,000 miles and attended or spoken at over 420 events to help inform the public about the Commission. I also organized four town hall meetings across Oklahoma to provide the public information on horizontal drilling.

- * **Annual salary:**
\$114,713
- * **Term of office:**
six years
- * **Who can vote on this office? All registered Republicans in the state**

Dana Murphy
Age: 50
Lives: Edmond
Work: Elected corporation commissioner, 2008; geologist, Dawn Energy and independent more than 10 years; administrative law judge at corporation commission, six years; private attorney, six years
Family: single
Education: Edmond Memorial High School; BS, geology, OSU; JD, Oklahoma City University Law School.
Member: Oklahoma City Church of the Servant, Edmond Chamber, Salvation Army board



Dana Murphy

What changes in the authority and responsibility of the Corporation Commission would you like to see?

Murphy: Since I took office, I believe greater efforts have been to obtain input from the public and the regulated entities to improve the way cases are presented and information is provided on our website and for the media. I believe it is more important than ever in times of serious budget challenges to move the Commission to becoming a more paperless agency to save costs, promote efficiencies and increase accountability.