

GLI 2019 Statewide Candidate Survey

Greg Stumbo for Attorney General

1. As Attorney General, what would be your office's top legislative priorities in Frankfort?

Encouraging continued work on consumer protection laws. Those protect all citizens but focus on working-age individuals who purchase goods or education and are not fairly treated by sellers, and senior citizens, who may become victims to organizations or practices that take their hard-earned retirement dollars.

Ensuring that laws regarding drug offenses match the severity of the crime and best practices intends. Addicts should be provided rehabilitation and assisted in their attempts to find jobs, support their families and regain status as contributing members of society. Drug manufacturers and distributors should not only be prosecuted, but fines paid for those offenses should be returned to the law enforcement who fought against those crimes as well as be used for treatment, prevention, and education.

Addressing laws with disproportionate racial impact. Many of our older policies, practices and laws do not recognize that they affect some members of our population unfairly. Kentucky's laws should be fair to all our citizens.

2. What steps would you take as Attorney General to address the opioid crisis in Kentucky?

Continuing to fight the drug manufacturers who created the addicted population, with a focus on refusing to settle a case until the cities and counties adversely impacted by the addiction issues were included in the settlements;

Focusing on working with other Executive offices as well as the legislative and judicial branch so that all of us share the goal of putting criminals in jail where appropriate, requiring wrongdoers recompense the state and its subdivisions, and getting minor offenders healthy and back in the workforce as soon as possible. Kentucky's businesses have a crisis in workforce and unless we make it easier for those businesses to find healthy and reliable workers, our economy cannot grow like it should.

3. How would you work to protect Kentucky businesses and citizens from cyber security threats?

In my last term as Attorney General, ten years ago, my office was one of the first in the nation to focus on cyber security, particularly in the area of voter data security. Kentucky has a wealth of IT and security professionals. We need to work with our businesses and our counties and cities to educate governments and the business community on cyber security.

As AG, the office must also work to ensure that the state's records – not just voter records, but financial and other records are free from outside tampering and protected by modern technology and laws.

4. What steps do you believe Kentucky needs to take to reform its criminal justice system?

Just as in parenting, discipline and correction must focus on making solid citizens of those who don't follow the law. Time while incarcerated should not be wasted time. Those who are in jail should be working towards re-entry. Laws that unfairly target one population or another should be amended to be fair. Non-violent offenders must be able to return to society, prove their intent to be law abiding citizens, and get back to supporting their families and being members of the workforce. This requires an entire network of community supports for teenagers and young parents, so they are not tempted by illegal activities, but also for those who have served their time and are back in society. Job, vocational and educational opportunities, and support for communities and employers as they take those individuals back in. Medical support, faith-based support, and access to necessary services as they re-enter the workforce is vital, as well as the restoration of certain non-violent offenders' voting rights.

5. What steps would your administration take to improve Kentucky's legal liability climate for employers?

The business community is what helps Kentucky families move forward. Jobs are vital to Kentucky's ongoing success. Businesses and their workforce need to jointly address what laws fail to protect workers or impede business success, and bring those cooperative suggestions to the legislature for implementation. The Attorney General's office will ensure that laws which protect those workers and businesses are appropriately enforced. All businesses know that prevention before harm occurs avoids liability afterwards so our focus would be on working with businesses to educate on risks and implement protections against that risk.