



Wisconsin Attorney General taps state's first Solicitor General

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Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel (**R**) has tapped Misha Tseytlin, to serve as the state's first Solicitor General beginning Nov. 30, 2015.

The newly created position established by the Wisconsin legislature will be charged with assisting the state Department of Justice with appellate litigation matters.

Many high-profile pieces of legislation are being signed into law in Wisconsin and are immediately challenged in the courts, according to Anne E. Schwartz , Director of Communications and Public Affairs at the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

"The Solicitor General will ensure we [Wisconsin] have strong legal representation when it comes to protecting our state's interests," Schwartz said adding that "The federal government is increasingly encroaching on our state's sovereignty."

The newly created position "will reduce the often expensive costs of employing special counsel in complex cases. This will result in overall savings for our state's taxpayers," Schwarz said noting that the new position's salary is \$135,000 annually.

Wisconsin will soon join 42 other states that already have a Solicitor General or equivalent position in place, according to Schwartz.

Tseytlin currently serves as General Counsel to West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey and previously clerked for the United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.



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"Misha brings a wealth of experience that will serve our State well in litigation in both the state and federal courts," said Schimel in a Wisconsin Department of Justice release.

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Tseytlin also worked at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington D.C., and clerked for two Court of Appeals judges. He graduated from law school at Georgetown University with multiple honors, including having the highest grade point average in his class.

Action 2 News spoke with Tseytlin on Thursday afternoon, but he declined to comment.

For additional information about the position, click [HERE](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/publications/budget/2015-17%20Budget/Documents/Budget%20Papers/419.pdf). (<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/publications/budget/2015-17%20Budget/Documents/Budget%20Papers/419.pdf>)

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