

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT *Update*

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Robert E. Cooper, Jr. was installed as Tennessee Attorney General on November 1, 2006. The oath was administered by William M. Barker, Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, following remarks by Governor Phil Bredesen.

Cooper, the 26th Tennessee Attorney General, served almost four years as Governor Bredesen's legal counsel before being elected Attorney General by the Supreme Court on October 30. The term of office is eight years, ending August 31, 2014.

Before being selected to serve as the Governor's legal counsel by Bredesen in January 2003, Cooper practiced at Bass, Berry & Sims for 19 years. He graduated from Yale Law School in 1983.

Prior to joining the law firm, he served as clerk for U.S. District Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer in Washington, D.C. An expert in campaign finance and election law, Cooper has served as an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt University. He is a Chattanooga native and holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University.

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