

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY

Letitia “Tish” James



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Letitia “Tish” James is the 67th Attorney General of New York State. She became the first African-American, and the first woman, elected to the position in 2018 and the first African-American woman elected to statewide office in New York.

Prior to being elected attorney general, James served as the public advocate for the city of New York, the second highest elected official in New York City, where she became the first woman of color to hold citywide office.

She served as a New York City Council Member, representing the 35th Council District for a decade, head of the Brooklyn Regional Office of the New York Attorney General’s Office, and spent many years as a lawyer in the New York State Legislature. She began her career as a public defender at the Legal Aid Society.

James is a graduate of Lehman College/CUNY and Howard University School of Law.

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