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Kotich Eyeing Possible Run For Kansas Attorney General

(AP) - A former lawyer for three Kansas agencies is forming a committee to explore a possible Democratic run for attorney general.

A.J. Kotich, of Topeka, is the first Democrat to announce interest in challenging Republican Attorney General Derek Schmidt in November. Schmidt faces no Republican opposition so far in his bid for a second four-year term.

Kotich said Thursday he has filed paperwork with state election officials to appoint a campaign treasurer.

Kotich currently has a private legal practice. He worked as a special assistant attorney general under three previous attorneys general, starting with Republican Bob Stephan, and has been general counsel for three state agencies.

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