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## Glenn Coffee

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**Virgil Glenn Coffee** (born 1967) is an American lawyer and [Republican](#) politician from the US state of [Oklahoma](#). Coffee is currently the 30th [Oklahoma Secretary of State](#), having been appointed by Governor [Mary Fallin](#). He was the first Republican [President Pro Tempore](#), having previously served as a Co-President Pro Tempore during the previous legislature.

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### Early life and career [edit]

Coffee was raised in Texas and [Oklahoma City](#), Oklahoma. After graduating from high school, he moved to [Tahlequah, Oklahoma](#) where he attended [Northeastern State University](#). He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts before attending the [University of Oklahoma College of Law](#), where he earned a [Juris Doctor](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

Prior to serving in the Legislature, Coffee joined the Oklahoma [law firm](#) Phillips Murrah, P.C., where he continues a private practice.<sup>[1]</sup>

### Political career [edit]

First elected to the [Oklahoma Senate](#) in 1998, Coffee was re-elected to his final term in that body without opposition in 2006. In December 2006, Coffee became one of two Co-President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate and 41st President Pro Tempore for a one-month term because of a tied Senate membership.<sup>[1]</sup> He was formally elected on the Constitutionally mandated organizational day on January 2, 2007.<sup>[1]</sup>

After the 2008 elections gave the Republicans outright control of the chamber on November 4, 2008, the Republican caucus elected Coffee as the President Pro Tempore on November 6, 2008.<sup>[1]</sup> Coffee's term as Republican leader was marred by personal tax problems, including a \$28,000 federal tax lien, which Coffee later paid with a loan he refused to disclose details about. Due to [term limits](#) placed on him by the [Oklahoma Constitution](#), Coffee was unable to seek re-election in 2010. However, almost immediately upon his legislative career's end Coffee was employed by new Governor Mary Fallin.

One of Coffee's important successes as President Pro Tempore has been the passage of a comprehensive lawsuit reform measure in Oklahoma, signed into law in May 2009.<sup>[2]</sup>

Coffee has repeatedly voted to repeal the state grocery tax and to institute mandatory insurance coverage for autism.<sup>[3]</sup>

### Fallin Administration [edit]

Following the election of [Mary Fallin](#) as [Governor of Oklahoma](#) in November 2010, Coffee was

#### Glenn Coffee

**30th Oklahoma Secretary of State**

**Incumbent**

**Assumed office**

January 11, 2011

**Governor** [Mary Fallin](#)

**Preceded by** [M. Susan Savage](#)

**43rd President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate**

**In office**

2009–2011

**Preceded by** [Mike Morgan](#)

**Succeeded by** [Brian Bingman](#)

**Member of the Oklahoma Senate from the 30th district**

**In office**

1999–2011

**Preceded by** [Howard Hendrick](#)

**Succeeded by** [David Holt \(politician\)](#)

**Personal details**

**Born** 1967

**Political party** [Republican](#)

**Spouse(s)** Lisa

**Children** Collin, Blaine, Anna, Kate

**Residence** [Oklahoma City](#), Oklahoma

**Profession** Attorney, State Senator

**Religion** Baptist

**Oklahoma**



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named as the Co-Chairman of her Transition Committee. On January 4, 2011, Fallin named Coffee as her **Secretary of State**. As Secretary of State, Coffee will represent the Governor in budgetary and legislative discussions between the executive branch and the **Oklahoma Legislature**.<sup>[4]</sup>

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Preceded by <b>Howard Hendrick</b>	<b>Oklahoma State Senator</b> 1999–present	<b>Incumbent</b>
<b>Political offices</b>		
Preceded by <b>Mike Morgan</b>	<b>President <i>pro tempore</i> of the Oklahoma State Senate</b> 2009–2011	Succeeded by <b>Brian Bingman</b>
Preceded by <b>M. Susan Savage</b>	<b>Oklahoma Secretary of State</b> Under Governor <b>Mary Fallin</b> January 10, 2011–present	<b>Incumbent</b>

<b>Current members of the Oklahoma Governor's Cabinet</b>	
Governor Mary Fallin	
Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb	
Aragon • Cline • <b>Coffee</b> • Deering • Doerflinger • Hudecki • Jackson • Lopez • <b>McKeever</b> • Ming • Reese • Ridley • Sherrer • Thompson	

<b>Cabinet of Governor of Oklahoma Mary Fallin (2011-present)</b>	
<b>Cabinet</b>	
<b>Secretary of State</b>	<b>Glenn Coffee</b> (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Agriculture</b>	Jim Reese (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Commerce and Tourism</b>	Dave Lopez (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Education</b>	Phyllis Hudecki (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Energy</b>	Mike Ming (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of the Environment</b>	Gary Sherrer (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Finance and Revenue</b>	Preston Doerflinger (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Health and Human Services</b>	Terry Cline (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Human Resources and Administration</b>	Oscar B. Jackson Jr. (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of the Military</b>	Myles Deering (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Safety and Security</b>	Michael C. Thompson (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Science and Technology</b>	<b>Stephen W. S. McKeever</b> (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Transportation</b>	Gary Ridley (2011-present)
<b>Secretary of Veterans Affairs</b>	Rita Aragon (2011-present)


<b>Current elected statewide political officials of Oklahoma</b>	
<b>U.S. Senators</b>	Jim Inhofe • Tom Coburn •



<b>State government</b>	Mary Fallin, Governor • Todd Lamb, Lieutenant Governor • <b>Glenn Coffee</b> , Secretary of State • Gary Jones, State Auditor and Inspector • Scott Pruitt, Attorney General • Ken A. Miller, State Treasurer • <b>Janet Barresi</b> , State School Superintendent • Mark Costello, Labor Commissioner • John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner • Bob Anthony, Corporation Commissioner • Jeff Cloud, Corporation Commissioner • Dana Murphy, Corporation Commissioner •
<b>Senate</b>	Brian Bingman, President pro tempore • <b>Mike Schulz</b> , Majority Leader • Andrew Rice, Minority Leader •
<b>House</b>	Kris Steele, Speaker • Jeffrey W. Hickman, Speaker pro tempore • Scott Inman, Minority Leader •
<b>Supreme Court</b>	Steven W. Taylor, Chief Justice • Tom Colbert, Vice Chief Justice • Yvonne Kauger • Joseph M. Watt • James R. Winchester • John F. Reif • James E. Edmondson • Doug Combs • Noma Gurich •
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<b>53rd Legislature (2011-2013)</b>			
President of the Senate: <b>Todd Lamb (R)</b> • President pro Tempore: <b>Brian Bingman (R)</b> • Majority Floor Leader: <b>Mike Schulz (R)</b> • Minority Floor Leader: <b>Sean Burrage (D)</b>			
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2. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Sean Burrage (D)</b>	12. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Brian Bingman (R)</b>	22. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Rob Johnson (R)</b>	32. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Randy Bass (D)</b>
3. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Jim Wilson (D)</b>	13. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Susan Paddock (D)</b>	23. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Ron Justice (R)</b>	33. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Tom Adelson (D)</b>
4. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Mark Allen (R)</b>	14. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Frank Simpson (R)</b>	24. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Anthony Sykes (R)</b>	34. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Rick Brinkley (R)</b>
5. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Jerry Ellis (D)</b>	15. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Jonathan Nichols (R)</b>	25. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Mike Mazzei (R)</b>	35. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Gary Stanislawski (R)</b>
6. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Josh Brecheen (R)</b>	16. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>John Sparks (D)</b>	26. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Tom Ivester (D)</b>	36. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Bill Brown (R)</b>
7. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Richard Lerblance (D)</b>	17. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Charlie Laster (D)</b>	27. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Bryce Marlatt (R)</b>	37. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Dan Newberry (R)</b>
8. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Roger Ballenger (D)</b>	18. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Kim David (R)</b>	28. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Harry Coates (R)</b>	38. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Mike Schulz (R)</b>
9. <span style="color: blue;">█</span> <b>Earl Garrison (D)</b>	19. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Patrick Anderson (R)</b>	29. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>John Ford (R)</b>	39. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Brian Crain (R)</b>
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			44. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Ralph Shortey (R)</b>
			45. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Steve Russell (R)</b>
			46. vacant
			47. <span style="color: red;">█</span> <b>Greg Treat (R)</b>
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<b>AK</b> Stevens (R)	<b>IN</b> Long (R)	<b>MT</b> Peterson (R)	<b>PA</b> Scarnati (R)
<b>AZ</b> Pearce (R)	<b>IA</b> Kibbie (D)	<b>NE</b> Flood (R) <sup>1</sup>	<b>RI</b> Paiva-Weed (D)
<b>AR</b> Bookout (D)	<b>KS</b> Morris (R)	<b>NV</b> Schneider (D)	<b>SC</b> McConnell (R)
<b>CA</b> Steinberg (D)	<b>KY</b> Williams (R)	<b>NH</b> Bragdon (R)	<b>SD</b> Gray (R)
<b>CO</b> Shaffer (D)	<b>LA</b> Chaisson (D)	<b>NJ</b> Sweeney (D)	<b>TN</b> Ramsey (R)
<b>CT</b> Williams (D)	<b>ME</b> Raye (R)	<b>NM</b> Jennings (D)	<b>TX</b> Ogden (R)
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<b>GA</b> Williams (R)	<b>MI</b> Schuitmaker (R)	<b>ND</b> Wardner (R)	<b>VA</b> Colgan (D)
<b>HI</b> Tsutsui (D)	<b>MN</b> Fischbach (R)	<b>OH</b> Niehaus (R)	<b>WA</b> Prentice (D)
<b>ID</b> Hill (R)	<b>MS</b> Hewes (R)	<b>OK</b> Bingman (R)	<b>WV</b> Kessler (D)
			<b>DC</b>
			<b>Territories:</b>
			<b>AS</b>
			<b>GU</b>
			<b>MP</b>
			<b>PR</b> Rivera-Schatz (R)
			<b>VI</b>
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