

Department of Attorney General

2021 YEAR-END

HIGHLIGHTS & PREVIEWS



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- **Advocacy before the Michigan Public Service Commission** saved ratepayers \$481 million in 2021, bringing the total saved since Attorney General Nessel took office to more than \$1.8 billion.
- **Advocacy by the Corporate Oversight Division** - which houses the Consumer Protection Team - saved consumers more than \$1.86 million through cases closed in 2021.
- **The Financial Exploitation Prevention Act (FEPA)** enacts new requirements on financial institutions to better recognize signs of financial exploitation. Adult Protective Services received a total of 383 financial exploitation reports between Sep. 26 and Oct. 31, the majority of which were FEPA reports.
- **In June, the Elder Abuse Task Force announced legislation** to implement fundamental reforms impacting guardians and conservators. If passed, the bipartisan bills will fulfill the remainder of the Task Force's first initiatives.
- **The Boy Scouts of America investigation** is close to charging its first case. There are five active investigations since launching in June, which resulted from an ongoing review of 5,000 claims sent to the Department.
- **Convictions were secured in three clergy abuse cases in 2021**, with several active cases still pending. Eleven total defendants have been charged, five of which have now been convicted.
- **The Conviction Integrity Unit announced its first two vacated sentences** for Gilbert Poole and Corey McCall earlier this year. Since its inception, the CIU has reviewed 537 cases. Approximately 1,019 cases are currently open.
- **In November, the State's \$600 million Flint water civil settlement** was formally approved in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.
- **Two historic opioid settlements** - with Johnson & Johnson and the three largest pharmaceutical distributors in the country: Cardinal Health, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen - are expected to bring nearly \$800 million to Michigan for treatment and prevention.
- **Defending the Affordable Care Act**, which was upheld in June, protected coverage for 1.7 million Michiganders with pre-existing conditions, nearly 970,000 covered under Medicaid expansion, and 6 million who do not have out-of-pocket costs for preventive services like mammograms.
- **The Department has received close to 7,000 expungement applications** since the new laws took effect in April. Of that, more than 5,700 have been eligible for a clean slate.
- **AG Nessel will personally argue the *Rouch World* case** before the Michigan Supreme Court, which challenges a Court of Claims' ruling that the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act does not prohibit discrimination because of an individual's sexual orientation.

