# Join a Dynamic Team!

The Michigan Department of Attorney General is an "all-are-welcome" office that provides inclusive representation to the People of the State of Michigan.

### UNLOCK YOUR CAREER POTENTIAL

OF MICHIGAN

MORNEY GENER

mi.gov/agcareers

# **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

### Join our Team

#### **Criminal Justice Bureau**

The Criminal Justice Bureau includes the following: Assistance with Convictions & Expungements; Criminal Appellate & Parole Appeals; Criminal Investigations; Criminal Trials; Financial Crimes; Health Care Fraud; and the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council.

## 15

02

03

### **Consumer & Regulatory Enforcement Bureau**

The Consumer & Regulatory Enforcement Bureau includes the following divisions: Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement; Children & Youth Services; Civil Rights & Elections; Corporate Oversight; Health, Education & Family Services; Labor; Licensing & Regulation; and Public Service.

23

#### **Environment & Government Operations Bureau**

The Environment & Government Operations Bureau includes the following divisions: Collections; Corrections; Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture; Finance; Public Administration; Revenue & Tax; Special Litigation; State Operations; and Transportation.

### **Executive Office**

The Executive Office includes the following: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI); Fiscal Management; Human Resources; Legislative Affairs; Opinions Review Board; Public Information & Education; and Solicitor General.

33





The Attorney General is the state's top lawyer and law enforcement official, protecting and serving the people and interests of Michigan through a broad range of duties.

The Attorney General's responsibilities include safeguarding the public from violent criminals, helping victims of crimes, leading the fight against human trafficking and opioid abuse, preserving Michigan's spectacular natural resources, protecting consumers, and addressing illegal business practices.

## JOIN OUR TEAM

OF MICA

The Michigan Department of Attorney General (DAG) employs approximately 500 persons in a wide variety of professional, clerical, and technical positions.

As classified state employees, our staff enjoys excellent fringe benefits and a common dedication to providing high quality legal representation on behalf of our client agencies, and the people of the state.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUREAU



The Criminal Justice Bureau includes the following divisions: Assistance with Convictions & Expungements; Criminal Appellate & Parole Appeals; Criminal Investigations; Criminal Trials; Financial Crimes; and Health Care Fraud.



### **Assistance with Convictions & Expungements Division**

The Assistance with Convictions & Expungements Division is a combination of four sections: (1) The Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU), (2) The Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation Act (WICA) section, (3) The Expungement Unit, and (4) Job Court. Each section will focus on a distinct segment of the population.

### **CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT**

The Conviction Integrity Unit is an Attorney General initiative in response to our ethical obligations. MRCP Rule 3.8 provides that when a prosecutor knows of clear and convincing evidence that a defendant was convicted of an offense that the defendant did not commit, "the prosecutor shall seek to remedy the conviction."

The CIU is not a litigation unit. It is an investigatory one. The mission of the CIU is to investigate claims of innocence to determine whether there is clear and convincing new evidence that a convicted person was not the person who committed the offense for which he or she was convicted. The CIU makes recommendations to the Attorney General about an appropriate remedy. The Attorney General makes all final decisions. To date, the Attorney General has been responsible for securing freedom for six individuals in four counties around the state (Berrien, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Oakland).

Since the formation of the unit, the CIU has received a total of 1,952 requests for assistance. The unit responds to every inquiry by either mailing applications, by answering questions, and/or by referring claimants to other DAG divisions or to outside agencies, when appropriate. The unit continues to receive inquiries and applications by mail and email and has numerous cases at various stages of evidence collection, forensic testing, or investigation. There are approximately 900 cases open as of February 2024.

The CIU additionally has a Department of Justice partnership grant to work on post-conviction DNA testing cases. We partner with the Cooley Innocence Project to fulfill our grant requirements.

The staff attorneys of the CIU are routinely invited to present to other similar agencies and innocence projects throughout the country.



In 2016, the Michigan Legislature passed Act 343 of 2016, creating a dedicated fund to compensate individuals where a criminal conviction has been overturned. The WICA section is a litigation section charged with evaluating those claims in a civil trial court (Court of Claims). If a trial occurs, it is a bench trial.

The statute requires that a plaintiff provide new evidence that (1) he/she was not the perpetrator of the crime or crimes and was not an accessory or accomplice to the acts that were the basis of the conviction, (2) resulted in a reversal or vacation of the judgment of conviction, and (3) resulted in the dismissal of the charges, finding of not guilty, or gubernatorial pardon.

The statute has been the subject of numerous legal challenges and has been the subject of four Michigan Supreme Court decisions in the last several years. At present, there is another case pending a Mini-Oral Argument on the Application (MOAA) in that Court.

There is another quirk in the statute that permits the local prosecutor to file an appearance and defend the case. This requires WICA attorneys to work in tandem with local prosecutors or county counsel. It sometimes requires staff attorneys in the WICA section to educate those other jurisdictions on the WICA provisions.

On occasion, especially where police misconduct is alleged, local prosecutors will file an appearance. In several cases, the City of Detroit has also filed to intervene in WICA cases. This is generally the result of contemporaneous filing of federal §1983 complaints. The federal complaints are also often responsible for an increase in WICA formal discovery and later FOIA responses.

### **EXPUNGEMENT UNIT**

This unit is responsible for assisting in the setting aside of eligible criminal convictions.

In response to the enactment of the Clean Slate Act, the Department created the Expungement Unit to handle the substantial increase in applications and citizen inquiries regarding the expungement process. In 2022, the unit received 15,056 applications to set aside convictions and responded to 11,896 applications. In 2023, there were 10,157 applications received, and the unit responded to 13,105 applications.

From its beginning, the Expungement Unit has worked with DTMB to develop software to assist internally with the volumes of applications received. In addition to all the work conducted on-site, the section regularly hosts/participates in expungement clinics around the state. The staff works handson with applicants, municipalities, and law enforcement communities to successfully identify eligible participants and clear criminal histories.

This is an area of the law that is evolving. As it does so, the members of the unit remain some of the most knowledgeable in the state. Invariably, they are involved in educating the public and the legal community as to those ongoing changes.



### **JOB COURT**

This initiative is intended to bring together law enforcement, courts, and private employers to divert eligible defendants out of the criminal justice system and into employment situations.

Job Court is a diversionary program. It is a pilot program running in Wayne, Genesee and Marquette counties.

The program matches eligible defendants with participating employers to help them obtain good-paying jobs, training in a career skill, and community-based wrap-around services to assist them in successfully completing the program.

The participants – low-level, non-assaultive offenders - are identified by the local prosecutors' offices. Once enrolled, the participants work full-time for a designated employer.

A case manager is charged with monitoring participants in the program.

Participants who successfully complete one year in the program are eligible to have their charges dismissed.





# CRIMINAL APPELLATE & PAROLE APPEALS DIVISION

The DAG's Criminal Appellate & Parole Appeals Division performs the following functions:

1) Division attorneys respond to federal habeas petitions filed by prisoners held by the Michigan Department of Corrections and its wardens, who are challenging the federal constitutionality of their state convictions and/or sentences. This involves briefing (and often oral argument and/or evidentiary hearings) in Michigan's federal district courts, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

2) Division attorneys respond to state court appeals of felony jury or bench convictions obtained by fifty-six (56) of Michigan's counties, and this involves briefing and oral argument in the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court.

3) Division attorneys respond to appeals of convictions obtained by the DAG's Criminal Trials Division which, again, involve briefing and oral argument in the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court. 4) Where directed by the Attorney General or her Executive staff, Division attorneys will assist the DAG trial attorneys with trial court motion practice, any necessary interlocutory appeal practice arising from cases being prosecuted by DAG, and other matters (including research and training projects) as determined by the Attorney General or her Executive staff.

5) Division attorneys will, in the appropriate cases, work with victims of crime who are seeking assistance in arguing against the parole of convicted offenders and, when deemed appropriate, file appeals in the state trial courts (and, if necessary, in the state appellate courts) in response to decisions of the Parole Board releasing dangerous convicted offenders on parole.



### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID), created by Attorney General Dana Nessel, is the sworn law enforcement division within the Department of Attorney General. It provides investigative support throughout the State of Michigan.

Criminal Investigations oversees MCOLES-certified special agents in the Department. The CID coordinates the law enforcement efforts of the Department, including conducting investigations and acting as a liaison with outside law enforcement agencies.

Within the Criminal Investigations Division, there are numerous opportunities for agents to be assigned to state and federal specialized task forces.

Additionally, the Criminal Investigations Division employs individuals with expertise in polygraph examination, digital forensics, and forensic interviewing (among other critical areas) that enable the Division to conduct comprehensive and effective investigations.



### **CRIMINAL TRIALS DIVISION**

The Criminal Trials Division is responsible for conducting criminal investigations and prosecutions, prosecuting cases developed and referred by State agencies, and providing assistance to and serving as liaison for county prosecutors.



### **FINANCIAL CRIMES DIVISION**

The Financial Crimes Division (FCD) prosecutes cases involving vulnerable adult financial abuse, insurance fraud, tax fraud, securities fraud, unlicensed realtors and accountants, failure to pay child support, and other complex financial crimes, such as racketeering.

FCD staff work with investigators employed by the Criminal Investigations Division and other federal and state law enforcement authorities to pursue these cases.

FCD also employs an in-house financial specialist with an accounting background to assist with these cases.

FCD has also obtained millions in court-ordered child support payments that parents willfully failed to pay until they were criminally charged for non-payment.



### **HEALTH CARE FRAUD DIVISION**

The Health Care Fraud Division (HCFD) exists to identify, prosecute, and prevent fraudulent activity by doctors, dentists, pharmacists, and other health care providers participating in the Medicaid program.

Allegations of patient abuse, misappropriation of patient trust funds, and identity theft in resident care facilities are also investigated.

The HCFD works with our federal and state partner agencies, and other divisions within the Department of Attorney General to combat fraud, seek justice for vulnerable Michigan residents who have had their hard-earned funds embezzled, and prevent and prosecute patient abuse.

In 2022, this Division secured 17 convictions and returned more than \$20M to the Medicaid Program and the People of Michigan.



### PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (PACC) is a state agency that heads the Office of Prosecuting Attorney Coordination – an autonomous entity within the Department of Attorney General.

PACC is funded to provide services to Michigan's prosecuting attorneys, their assistants, and other office staff.

PACC's services include continuing professional education, legal publications, legal research assistance, office automation services, administration of grant-funded services, and coordination of state prosecution activities.

### CONSUMER & REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

The Consumer & Regulatory Enforcement Bureau includes the following divisions: Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement; Children & Youth Services; Civil Rights & Elections; Corporate Oversight; Health, Education & Family Services; Labor; Licensing & Regulation; and Public Service.

**ONLINE SHOPPIN** 

### **Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division**

The Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement (AGED) Division provides day-to-day legal representation for various state agencies, including the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB), the Bureau of State Lottery, the MCGB Executive Director of Horse Racing, the Michigan Sheriffs' Coordinating and Training Council, the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.



### **Children & Youth Services Division**

The Children & Youth Services Division provides legal representation for the Department of Health and Human Services in all child-protective proceedings in the 3rd Circuit Court of Wayne County. That representation includes trial court representation, from pre-petition filing, preliminary hearings, pre-trials, trials, dispositional hearings, permanency planning hearings, termination of parental rights trials, post termination reviews, medical authorization hearings, and appeals.

### **Civil Rights & Elections Division**

The Civil Rights & Elections (CRE) Division advises and represents the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and cooperates with other state departments and agencies in addressing civil rights and civil liberties-related matters. CRE also represents several State commissions, including the Commission on Middle Eastern Affairs, the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, The Black Leadership Council, the Women's Commission, and the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan. CRE also advises and represents the Michigan Department of State, the Secretary of State, the Michigan Board of State Canvassers, and the Michigan Bureau of Elections with respect to elections conducted in the State of Michigan and any litigation arising out of or pertaining to elections. The Division's duties also include handling noncriminal campaign finance-related matters and lobbyist issues. The Division also represents the Secretary of State in driver's license restoration cases in certain counties.



### **CORPORATE OVERSIGHT DIVISION**

The Corporate Oversight Division (COD) handles a wide variety of legal matters on behalf of the State of Michigan.

This includes serving as the legal counsel for the following state entities: the Department of Insurance and Financial Services, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, including the Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness, the Bureau of Epidemiology and Population Health, the Office of Inspector General, the Certificate of Need Commission, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau, and the Department of Treasury - Bureau of Investments.

In addition to representing various state agencies, COD is responsible for overseeing and bringing enforcement actions on behalf of the People of the State of Michigan in the following matters: Antitrust, Charities, Charitable Asset Sales, Charitable Trusts, Consumer Protection, and Franchising.



# HEALTH, EDUCATION & FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION

The Health, Education & Family Services (HEFS) Division represents the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in all matters involving the Social Welfare Act, the Probate Code, the Adoption Code, and the Child Care Organizations Act. HEFS also represents DHHS in Adult Protective Service proceedings, public assistance issues, and Medicaid-related programs and recoupment matters, including estate recovery and subrogation.

HEFS serves as legal counsel for the Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential, including early childhood learning and child care licensing.

The Division also represents the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Bureau of Community and Health Systems.



### LABOR DIVISION

The Labor Division provides legal advice and representation to State entities that regulate or adjudicate various employment issues and provide various workforce benefits in accordance with Federal and State Constitutions, laws, and regulations. The Division has offices in Lansing and Detroit, and is split into three sections: Regulatory, Unemployment, and Workers' Compensation.

The Regulatory Section provides legal counsel to over 35 State agencies, boards, and commissions charged with regulating various issues, including employment conditions and pay, safety, licenses, workforce development, worker rehabilitation, and education. Some of the Regulatory Section clients include Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, the Wage and Hour Office, the Civil Service Commission, and the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. Section attorneys represent clients in administrative hearings and in original and appellate actions at all levels of state and federal courts.

The Unemployment Section represents and counsels the Unemployment Insurance Agency and its Director as it pertains to implementation and administration of various federal and state laws involving unemployment insurance benefits and unemployment insurance taxes. Section attorneys appear on behalf of the Agency in contested administrative hearings and in original and appellate actions at all levels of state and federal courts, including bankruptcy court.

The Workers' Compensation Section represents and provides counsel to all State agencies, the Funds Administration, and its Board of Trustees. The Section also provides counsel to the State's Third-Party Administrator for workers' compensation claims. Section attorneys represent the Office of the State Employer and defend State agency employers in workers' compensation cases filed by State employees in administrative tribunals and appellate courts and litigate workers' compensation claims in administrative and judicial hearings, on behalf of the Second Injury Fund, The Self-Insurers' Security Fund, and the Silicosis, Dust Disease and Logging Industry Compensation Fund.



### **LICENSING & REGULATION DIVISION**

The Licensing & Regulation (L&R) Division's primary client is the Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

The Division provides legal counsel and handles litigation for several different bureaus within LARA, including the Bureau of Professional Licensing, the Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau, and the Bureau of Construction Codes.

L&R attorneys take administrative licensing action against individuals who hold professional licenses in Michigan. This includes doctors, nurses, counselors, athletic trainers, and a long list of other health professionals, as well as engineers, accountants, residential builders, realtors, and the like.

L&R also represents various health and occupational boards within LARA, including the Unarmed Combat Commission and the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.

Finally, the Division represents the Cannabis Regulatory Agency. In that capacity, L&R acts as general counsel, handling licensing cases against cannabis businesses who have violated statutes or rules.



### **PUBLIC SERVICE DIVISION**

The Public Service Division provides legal counsel and representation to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) in Michigan circuit courts, such as the Court of Appeals, and the Michigan Supreme Court, as well as the Federal district courts, the Court of Appeals (primarily the D.C. Circuit and Sixth Circuit), and the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Division also represents the MPSC in proceedings before federal agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Highway Administration, and in appeals from these agencies to the federal courts.

The Public Service Division also represents the Michigan Public Service Commission staff in administrative proceedings.

### ENVIRONMENT & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BUREAU



The Environment & Government Operations Bureau includes the following divisions: Collections; Corrections; Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture; Finance; Public Administration; Revenue & Tax; Special Litigation; State Operations; and Transportation.



#### **Collections Division**

The Collection Division is a Detroit-based division assigned to the representation of the Michigan Department of Treasury's collection efforts. This Division acts as legal counsel to the Department of Treasury in all matters pertaining to the collection of state and City of Detroit nonproperty taxes. It also represents all State departments in the collection of delinquent accounts throughout the 34 counties in the eastern portion of the State of Michigan, in most states east of the Mississippi River, and Canada.

This Division also represents the State Treasurer in defense of claims brought against the state arising from foreclosure actions.



### **CORRECTIONS DIVISION**

The Corrections Division defends prisoner and public lawsuits filed against the Michigan Department of Corrections and its employees, including the Michigan Parole Board, as well as all employee lawsuits filed against the Department.

Our representation in both federal and state courts include civil rights litigation, wrongful death cases, class actions, and employment suits brought alleging race, gender, or religious discrimination under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, and disability claims under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the ADA, and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act.

The Division handles more than 1,200 cases each year.



### ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES & AGRICULTURE DIVISION

The Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture (ENRA) Division's primary client agencies are the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; the Department of Natural Resources; and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The Division serves as general counsel to the above three agencies, advising and representing them in matters that include environmental protection laws; fish and game and other natural resources regulation; management of public lands, including mining and oil and gas; and agriculture programs and regulations.

The Division also represents various state agencies in matters involving American Indian law, including treaty issues, gaming and tax, as well as representing the Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs regarding Land Division Act.

The Division also serves as legal counsel to or as the Attorney General's representative on commissions or boards, including the Commission of Agriculture & Rural Development, the Natural Resources Commission, the Great Lakes Commission, and the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.



### **FINANCE DIVISION**

The Finance Division serves as general counsel and issuers' counsel on all bond or note issuances by the State or any of its agencies, departments, authorities, or instrumentalities.

The Division also provides legal services in connection with state surplus funds and state pension fund investments. The Division prepares loan, grant, and investment documentation, bond documents, financial assurance documentation and, generally any and all types of documentation necessary or appropriate to the transactional, investment, and borrowing needs of the State.



### **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

The State Public Administrator is a statutorily mandated position. The State Public Administrator is involved in the probate of estates in which the heirs are unknown, and in guardianship and conservatorship proceedings in which the protected person has no presumptive heirs.

The State Public Administrator supervises county public administrators in the administration of decedent estates in the 83 Michigan counties. Litigation in this area involves determining the validity of questionable wills, determining heirs in estates, resisting fraudulent claims, and ensuring distributions as provided by law.

The State Public Administrator also provides legal services for the Department of Treasury's Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Division.



### **REVENUE & TAX DIVISION**

The Revenue & Tax Division acts a general counsel to the Department of Treasury, defends the State in claims in involving the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, defends tobacco assessments, and provides collection counsel to the Department of Health and Human Services.



### **SPECIAL LITIGATION DIVISION**

The Special Litigation Division acts as the utility consumer advocate for the People of the State of Michigan and handles specific assignments from the Attorney General on related issues.

The Division participates in utility rate proceedings before the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, and the PJM Regional Transmission Organization.

The work before the MPSC involves issues ranging from fighting rate increases to helping shape the State's and the Nation's energy grid to be more sustainable and reliable.



### **STATE OPERATIONS DIVISION**

The State Operations Division has a diverse legal practice and provides legal support and representation to a variety of state agencies.

Due to its diverse responsibilities and size, the State Operations Division is arranged in two practice areas: Transactional/IT and Litigation/eDiscovery. Each practice area is supervised by a First Assistant.

The Transactional/IT practice area has a Transactions Section and a Technology Section. It represents the Department of Technology, Management and Budget in procurement and budget matters and provides IT support for the Department.

The Litigation/eDiscovery practice area has a Retirement Section, an eDiscovery Section, and a Litigation Section. Among other agencies, it represents the Office of Retirement Services and the Michigan State Police, and provides eDiscovery support for the Department.

The Division provides training and representation for all of State government on matters related to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and handles matters related to municipal and governmental affairs.



### **TRANSPORTATION DIVISION**

The Transportation Division advises and represents the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Michigan State Transportation Commission, the Mackinac Bridge Authority, the International Bridge Administration, and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission in all areas of law and litigation, except municipal bonding.

MDOT constructs and maintains trunkline highways throughout the state and administers a comprehensive transportation program involving travel by watercraft, bus, railroad car, aircraft, rapid transit vehicle, or other means of public conveyance. In addition, MDOT administers numerous funding and grant programs under which municipalities, local transit agencies, and others carry out transportation programs. MDOT's regulatory responsibilities include the areas of highway advertising, driveways, and rail safety.

Attorneys in the Transportation Division represent MDOT in all lawsuits and administrative proceedings; assist in the development, review, and interpretation of contracts; and advise the agency regarding the interpretation of state and federal laws. The areas of litigation include contracts, torts, employment, condemnation, and lawsuits to recover damages that motorists have caused to MDOT infrastructure.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE



The Executive Office includes the following sections: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI); Fiscal Management; Human Resources; Legislative Affairs; Opinions Review Board; Public Information & Education; and Solicitor General.



### **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)**

The DEI section of the Executive Team is responsible for not only ensuring a diverse work environment, but also an environment that is inclusive. As a result, DEI initiatives are being implemented in every area of the Department with an emphasis on Human Resources.

This section creates, initiates, and implements departmentwide DEI initiatives. The DEI section keeps staff informed of national and statewide recognitions that affect various groups. The section also oversees employee resource groups and trainings to continue the Department's DEI initiatives.



### **FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

The Office of Fiscal Management is responsible for the Department's accounting; budget development; budgetary control; financial and administrative services; mail; office services; purchasing; supplies and stockroom; and vehicle acquisition and requisition.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Office of Human Resources is responsible for the Department's human resources and administrative services. Duties include equal employment opportunity, ergonomic assessments, facilities management, health and safety, human resources management, labor relations, temporary staffing, and training.



### **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

The Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) is the Department's liaison with the Legislature. This office works collaboratively with all divisions throughout the Department to propose potential new legislation and legislative updates.

The OLA is the main point of contact between the Michigan Legislature and the Department of Attorney General.

OLA provides the review of legislation proposed by the members of the House and Senate as well as provides the position of the Department of Attorney General on those proposals in formal and informal settings.

This Office also facilitates testimony before the Legislature on new proposals and the Department's budget.



### **OPINIONS REVIEW BOARD**

The Opinions Review Board oversees the process for responding to requests for formal Attorney General opinions. By law, it is the duty of the Attorney General to give her opinion on all questions of law submitted to her by the Legislature, the governor, the auditor general, the treasurer or any other state official.

When a request is received and processed, the Opinions Division works with other divisions in the Department that have expertise in a particular area of law relevant to the opinion request to prepare a thoroughly researched and well-written draft.

The Opinions Division Chief reviews the Division's draft to assure it is legally sound and then performs any editing that may be needed before sending the draft to the Chief Deputy Attorney General. The draft may also be circulated to other attorneys within the Department of Attorney General for additional substantive review. Drafts of most formal opinions are also submitted for consideration and approval by the Attorney General's Opinion Review Board before a final draft is submitted to the Attorney General for her review.



### **PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

The Office of Public Information & Education is responsible for all media relations, internal and external outreach, constituent services, and educational programming.

### **SOLICITOR GENERAL**

By statute, the Solicitor General is designated by the Attorney General to "have charge of [all actions] in the Supreme Court." MCL 14.28. Subject to the direction of the Attorney General, the Solicitor General is in charge of all aspects of litigation in the Michigan and United States Supreme Court, the Michigan and federal Courts of Appeal, and appellate courts in other jurisdictions. Consistent with the Solicitor General's review function, the Solicitor General supervises all other Assistant Attorneys General (AAGs) and Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAG) in those courts.

The Solicitor General Review Team includes the Solicitor General, the Deputy Solicitor General, the Assistant Solicitors General, and the Senior Executive Management Assistant (SEMA) for the Solicitor General.

The Solicitor General Team assists staff in strategizing, organizing, and drafting appellate briefs; handling procedural questions; and preparing for oral arguments in the appellate courts. The Team also holds moot courts and provides training to Department staff on appellate practice and procedures.



The Michigan Department of Attorney General is an "all-are-welcome" office that provides inclusive representation to the People of the State of Michigan.

### **GET IN TOUCH**



517-335-7622 Fax: 517-335-7644



miag@mi.gov ag-events@mi.gov



mi.gov/agcareers | mi.gov/ag



G. Mennen Williams Building 525 W. Ottawa St. Lansing, MI 48933

Cadillac Place 3030 W. Grand Blvd. 10th Floor Ste 10-200 Detroit, MI 48202

Additional Offices:

- East Lansing
- Grand Rapids
- Marquette

Individuals with disabilities may contact the DAG ADA Coordinator to request an alternative format to these materials. Please visit www.mi.gov/ADA for a list of state ADA Coordinators.