

# Office of the Attorney General

## MISSION

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) represents the State in all legal matters. The Attorney General acts as legal counsel to the Governor, General Assembly, Judiciary and State agencies, boards and commissions.

## VISION

The Office of the Attorney General provides superior legal representation and promotes public safety by providing the highest quality of legal services from a staff that is dedicated to excellence and professionalism. The Office of the Attorney General demonstrates integrity by being ethical and accountable and making principled decisions. The Office of the Attorney General embraces diversity as well as teamwork.

## KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### Goal 1. To complete bill review in a timely manner.

**Obj. 1.1** Complete the Attorney General's review of bills waiting on the Governor's signature no later than seven days prior to the last bill signing.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of bills for review	864	681	817	836	810	800	800
Average number of bills reviewed per day/number of calendar days	32/27	15/44	38/22	35/24	35/23	35/25	35/25

### Goal 2. Handle all Securities Division matters.

**Obj. 2.1** To handle all Securities Division matters effectively.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Broker/dealer (firm) registration and renewals	1,880	1,851	1,832	1,859	1,872	1,800	1,800
Registered agents (stockbrokers)	210,082	209,987	220,487	242,119	257,380	240,000	245,000
Investment adviser/financial planner (firm) registrations and	622	616	629	615	587	575	575
Federal Covered Adviser notice filings	2,151	2,206	2,297	2,456	2,581	2,500	2,500
Investment adviser/financial planner representative (individual) registration, renewals and notice filings	13,292	13,104	13,916	14,871	14,254	14,000	14,000
Securities registrations, renewals, and exemption and notice filings	31,684	30,601	33,216	31,874	30,305	30,000	30,000

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**Goal 3. Handle all Consumer Protection Division (CPD) matters, including inquiries, complaints, arbitration, and hearings.**

**Obj. 3.1** Handle consumer protection matters in a timely manner to achieve beneficial outcome to consumers.

**Obj. 3.2** Maintain an average time of no more than 110 days between the receipt of a consumer complaint and its disposition.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Franchise registration and renewals	1,692	1,585	1,657	1,825	1,884	1,850	1,850
Active cases, investigations and inquiries	1,005	958	1,126	1,283	1,267	1,100	1,100
Registration fees (\$)	34,082,246	28,286,101	28,242,529	29,181,204	29,023,429	28,500,000	28,500,000
Fines imposed, restitution and rescission (\$)	6,228,751	17,857,904	40,906,414	24,188,028	5,860,646	5,000,000	5,000,000
Inquiries	43,418	34,878	37,120	39,446	54,707	41,000	42,000
Complaints	10,467	10,900	10,064	11,375	12,166	12,200	12,300

**Goal 4. Handle all antitrust matters.**

**Obj. 4.1** Handle all antitrust matters for beneficial outcome for the State of Maryland and its citizens.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Investigations, inquiries and advice	421	424	387	224	195	225	225
Enforcement actions	32	35	38	38	37	40	40
Parens patriae	5	5	8	8	7	10	10
Other civil	28	28	30	30	30	30	30
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Antitrust defense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amicus briefs	2	0	3	3	7	5	5
Debarments	83	83	0	0	0	3	3
Funds recovered for State (\$)	42,533	257,624	363,117	0	2,220,729	500,000	500,000
Funds recovered for Maryland subdivisions (\$)	1,552,474	405,209	0	0	0	0	0
Funds recovered for consumers (\$)	2,358,006	1,171,129	0	0	0	500,000	500,000

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**Goal 5. Handle all Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) matters.**

**Obj. 5.1** Handle all MFCU matters to protect the integrity of the Medicaid program and to help protect vulnerable adults.

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>2019 Act.</b>	<b>2020 Act.</b>	<b>2021 Act.</b>	<b>2022 Act.</b>	<b>2023 Act.</b>	<b>2024 Est.</b>	<b>2025 Est.</b>
Cases pending beginning of year	389	302	329	365	363	357	375
New cases	142	193	152	120	120	150	150
Total	531	495	481	485	483	507	525
Fraud cases opened	93	136	106	88	83	95	95
Patient abuse cases opened	49	67	46	32	38	50	50
Investigations completed	222	176	131	104	127	115	120
Cases pending end of fiscal year	309	329	350	365	357	375	375
Criminal charges	8	7	6	9	7	9	11
Civil settlements	20	17	15	14	14	15	15
Fines, settlements, restitution, and/or overpayments identified (\$)	6,984,305	32,757,530	19,166,233	7,295,920	2,141,686	2,500,000	2,500,000

**Goal 6. To conduct investigations and request the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to initiate actions or proceedings to protect the interests of insurance consumers.**

**Obj. 6.1** Research matters thoroughly and advocate for an appropriate judicial or legislative resolution that will serve the interests of insurance consumers.

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Review of Maryland Insurance Commissioner actions	1,080	974	918	783	1,246	1,000	1,000
Investigations conducted	161	124	57	47	140	105	105
Requests for Commissioner action	16	19	3	6	18	12	12
Legislative activity	7	13	7	4	2	6	6

**Goal 7. Conduct investigations of all alleged or potential police-involved deaths of civilians.**

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New Investigations	N/A	N/A	N/A	19	16	20	20
Existing Investigations	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	12	8	8
Potential Investigations	N/A	N/A	N/A	52	54	50	50
Reports Completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	20	20	20

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**Goal 8. To ensure that its attorneys, and all attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General who litigate, provide uniformly high quality litigation services to our clients, Maryland’s state agencies, officers and employees.**

**Obj. 8.1** Litigating those cases most important to the core functions and governmental policies of the State of Maryland, and to the rights and interests of its citizens, or that are of a complexity and size that require special expertise, resources, or attention, and supervising the litigation of other significant cases.

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>2019 Act.</b>	<b>2020 Act.</b>	<b>2021 Act.</b>	<b>2022 Act.</b>	<b>2023 Act.</b>	<b>2024 Est.</b>	<b>2025 Est.</b>
Total number of matters litigated by court jurisdiction	205	238	228	222	247	245	245
State Courts	102	100	75	78	86	85	85
Federal Courts	74	94	98	83	95	95	95
Miscellaneous	29	44	55	61	66	65	65

**Goal 9. Handle all Criminal Appeals Division matters and represent the State in criminal appeals.**

**Obj. 9.1** To competently and efficiently handle all matters assigned to the Division.

**Obj. 9.2** To effectively represent the State in criminal cases pending before the appellate courts.

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>2019 Act.</b>	<b>2020 Act.</b>	<b>2021 Act.</b>	<b>2022 Act.</b>	<b>2023 Act.</b>	<b>2024 Est.</b>	<b>2025 Est.</b>
Federal cases filed and assigned	80	72	76	67	68	70	70
State cases filed and assigned	1,173	994	1,001	759	926	1,200	1,200
Dispositions from State court: cases handled by the Division	545	616	608	505	465	600	600
Successful cases	447	529	468	430	364	480	480
Percent successful	82%	86%	77%	85%	78%	80%	80%

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**Goal 10. Thoroughly and conscientiously evaluate, investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute significant criminal conduct referred to or otherwise identified by the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), including but not necessarily limited to fraud within or affecting State government, health care fraud, identity fraud, securities fraud, non-State employee misconduct, tax fraud, embezzlement and other business crimes, computer crimes, firearms offenses, gang violence, referrals from local State’s Attorneys, consumer fraud and multi-jurisdictional criminal conduct.**

**Obj. 10.1** Properly identify, evaluate, investigate and, where appropriate prosecute CID matters so as to maximize effective and ethical delivery of Division investigative, criminal justice and prosecutorial resources.

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>2019 Act.</b>	<b>2020 Act.</b>	<b>2021 Act.</b>	<b>2022 Act.</b>	<b>2023 Act.</b>	<b>2024 Est.</b>	<b>2025 Est.</b>
Matters litigated: Maryland Court of Special Appeals	2	0	2	0	1	1	1
Total Division referrals and general unit activity	285	378	242	369	483	360	365
Organized Crime Unit							
Indictments	53	25	127	34	107	50	50
Conviction Rate	95%	87%	100%	77%	98%	90%	90%
Fraud and Corruption Unit							
Indictments	14	13	11	13	12	15	16
Conviction Rate	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	95%	95%

**Goal 11. Increase knowledge and expertise in new areas such as bankruptcy, tech transfers and labor law.**

**Obj 11.1** Assist clients to resolve bankruptcy and labor issues and to bring scientific discoveries to market.

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Federal Cases	24	45	47	35	40	40	40
State Cases	58	46	50	50	50	50	50
Administration	70	42	27	20	25	25	25
Advice	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450
Contracts drafted/reviewed	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680