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State of Mississippi

2014 Annual Report

Attorney General Jim Hood

A Message from Attorney General Jim Hood



Dear Fellow Mississippians,

I am truly blessed to have served another year as your Attorney General. It is with great pride that I present to you our annual report for FY2014. This report represents the work we have accomplished during my 11th year in office.

Our office is working night and day to track down cyber criminals, child predators, fraudulent contractors and others who take advantage of our citizens. Every day we are opening up new cases, investigating and prosecuting cases, making arrests, conducting undercover operations, training law enforcement officers and prosecutors and working hard to serve you to the best of our ability in all we do.

Our Mississippi ICAC Task Force group continues to meet and train and work on issues constantly rising in our state, particularly in the area of cyberbullying. This is an area of great concern for all of us and one we will continue to focus on.

Our Bureau of Victim Assistance Division awarded more than $3.5 million to victims of violent crime this fiscal year. This money comes from assessments on criminals and goes back to help the victims.

I am pleased to announce that the results of Mississippi's 8th annual Community Shred Days were up significantly this year from past years. We appreciate the work of our Consumer Protection Division, as well as the support of our sponsors, volunteers and all who came out to help us in our efforts to fight identity theft. A total of 94,050 pounds was shredded, which is 40,000 more pounds than last years' event.

This year we trained over 2,000 law enforcement officers on Mississippi domestic violence laws and issues related to stalking and human trafficking. Our DUI Unit provided classes and training to over 2,010 judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers.

I am proud to report to you that during the fiscal year, we returned over $116,500,000 to the state. One of our office's primary duties is to look out for Mississippi interests, and one way we do that is through the recovery of funds that have been wrongfully taken. To date, we have returned over $830 million to the state since I took office.

Our job is service oriented and we realize we are accountable to you. This annual report is our record of accountability. Judge for yourself how we are doing, and know that I look forward to each and every day that I am able to serve you.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Hood

JIM HOOD
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Executive Summary

The executive summary for the Mississippi Attorney General's Office outlines the work of the primary divisions of the AGO from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, that resulted in a noted return for the State of Mississippi.

Bureau of Victim Assistance:

- Awarded $3,628,465.61 through the Crime Victim Compensation Fund
- Awarded $223,794 for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations
- Trained 81 law enforcement officers representing 34 agencies

Civil Litigation Division

- Positive outcome in 98% of civil litigation cases in federal and state courts
- Positive outcome in 100% of prisoner complaints filed in federal courts
- Recovered $ 2,350,472.66 for state and local taxpayers in audit and ethics matters, including recoveries for cities and counties

Consumer Protection Division

- Responded to 64,617 phone calls placed to the division
- Collected $660,224 in restitution
- Recovered $330,000.47 in costs and fees
- Litigated 64 cases
- Opened 1,386 cases
- Opened 87 identity theft cases
- Opened 83 home repair fraud cases
- Made 15 identity theft arrests
- Made seven intellectual property crimes arrests
- Made 13 other arrests (i.e. murder, wire fraud, false pretense, grand larceny, price gouging, etc.)

Criminal Litigation Division

Appellate Section

- Filed 267 briefs, 45 motions and responses in the Mississippi Supreme Court and Court of Appeals
- Won 88% of criminal cases filed
- Processed 106 extradictions

Federal Habeaus Corpus Section

- Filed 244 answers, briefs, motions and responses in the U.S. District Courts of Mississippi
- Obtained favorable results in all but two of the cases decided

Death Penalty Section

- Filed 43 briefs, responses and motions in the Mississippi Supreme Court, state trial courts, federal district courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- Obtained favorable results in 100% of decisions

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

- Recovered $16,532,523.94 in restitution and civil penalties
- Indicted 51 individuals
- Received over 2,045 complaints of abuse, neglect or exploitation
- Convicted 47 individuals
- Provided 57 educational programs for health care faculty staff, civic clubs, health care associations and others

Opinions

- Issued 453 official opinions
- Returned 86% of formal opinions within 30 days or less
- Spent over 5,000 hours giving advice by telephone and email and over 300 hours preparing and conducting seminars around the state
- Trained local officials in implementation of new laws passed by the legislature

Prosecutors Training

- Provided training to over 1,015 prosecutors, investigators, victims assistance coordinators and check unit personnel
- Offered over 53 hours of Continuing Legal Education to Mississippi Prosecutors

Public Integrity

- Opened 76 investigations
- Received and worked through 1,299 complaints
- Obtained 14 convictions involving voter fraud, embezzlement and other crimes
- Secured nine arrests, indictments and/or removals from office

Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement Division

- Conducted 4,733 tobacco enforcement checks and 6,577 beer enforcement checks throughout the state
- Trained approximately 318 retail manager and clerks statewide

Child Desertion Unit

- Received approximately 250 complaints
- Opened 18 new investigations
- Obtained 10 indictments and two convictions against deadbeat parents

Cyber Crimes Unit

- Opened 108 new cases
- Obtained 10 convictions

DUI

- Conducted DUI Basic Training and Rules of the Road to five classes, approximately 165 officers
- Participated in 14 Standardized Field Sobriety Testing classes for approximately 272 officers
- Provided DUI training to more than 1,500 judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers
- Participated in nine Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement classes and taught the legal portion of the training to approximately 74 officers

Insurance Fraud Unit

- Recovered $325,910.84 from fees and restitutions
- Received 88 complaints
- Conducted 110 active insurance fraud/workers compensation investigations

Vulnerable Adults Unit

- Recovered $159,167.33 in restitution to victims and $1,170 in investigation cost
- Received 2,450 complaints
- Opened 195 new cases
- 142 cases resolved and/or closed through prosecution
- Obtained 11 convictions and 20 indictments

Support Services

- Obtained over $4 million in grants and contracts
- Entered into 70 interagency contracts to provide legal services to state agencies
- Recovered over $116,500 million owed to state

Funds Recovered During Fiscal Year 2014

Source of Funds	Amount	Disposition
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit - Restitution & Civil Penalties	$16,532,524	State of MS, Division of Medicaid, Attorney General & Federal Government
Consumer Protection Division - Restitution, Investigative Costs & Fees	$691,629	State of MS, Attorney General, Consumers & Citizens
Consumer Protection Settlement - Affinion Group	$25,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Consumer Protection AVC Settlement - Google Safari	$273,595	State of MS, Attorney General
Public Integrity Division - Fines, Fees & Investigative Costs	$16,718	State of MS, Attorney General
Civil Litigation Division - Audit Recoveries & Ethics Matters	$2,350,473	State of MS
Medicaid - Subrogation; Estate Recovery; Special Needs Trusts & Income Trusts	$3,421,770	State of MS, Division of Medicaid
MDOT- W'Comp Subrogated Claims; Motor Vehicle Damage & Other Property Damage	$152,448	State of MS, MDOT & Citizens
Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$263,427	State of MS, Attorney General
Johnson & Johnson - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$5,400,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Schering-Plough Securities Litigation	$39,080	PERS, Attorney General
GlaxoSmithKline - Avandia Settlement	$40,000,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Pfizer, Inc. - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$12,600,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Eisai, Inc - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$680,000	State of MS, Attorney General
LG Display - Settlement	$3,922,875	State of MS, Attorney General
BASF Corporation et al - Vitamin Litigation	$22,969,366	State of MS, Attorney General
Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$800,000	State of MS, Attorney General
TAP Pharmaceutical Products, Inc. - Average Wholesale- Price Litigation	$800,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Discover, et al - Settlement	$2,013,353	State of MS, Attorney General
Diamond Foods, Inc. - Securities Litigation	$10,000	PERS, Attorney General
JP Morgan Chase - Settlement	$2,058,758	State of MS, Attorney General
Bank of America - Settlement	$1,372,357	State of MS, Attorney General
Bayer - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$600,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Total Funds Recovered	**$116,993,373**	

Mississippi Attorney General's Office

Executive Branch

Bureau of Victim Assistance

Civil Litigation

Consumer Protection Division

Criminal Litigation

Medicaid Fraud Division

Opinions and Local Government

Prosecutors' Training

Public Integrity Division
(Public Integrity Unit, Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, Child Desertion, Cyber Crime, DUI Training, Insurance Fraud and Vulnerable Adults)

State Agencies

Support Services Division



Executive Branch of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office

The Executive Branch of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office is comprised of Attorney General Jim Hood and his Executive Assistant Melanie Webb, Deputy Attorneys General Mike Lanford and Onetta Whitley, Chief of Staff Geoffrey Morgan and his assistant Cindy Burnham, Special Assistant Attorneys General Blake Bee and Mary Jo Woods, Public Information Officer Jan Schaefer, and Receptionists Donna Thomas, Marilyn Robinson and Nicole Martin.

Attorney General

Attorney General Jim Hood is serving his third term as Attorney General. He has served since being sworn into office in January 2004. The Attorney General is the chief legal officer and advisor for the state in both civil and criminal matters. General Hood is a progressive leader who believes prevention is the best way to tackle crime. Attorney General Jim Hood is not afraid to go after those who threaten the livelihood of Mississippi citizens.

Executive Assistant

Attorney General Jim Hood is assisted by Melanie Webb. She manages the General's schedule, appointments and speaking engagements. She works closely with the staff at the National Association of Attorneys General to coordinate General Hood's involvement with issues of national importance to prosecutors.

Deputy Attorneys General

Onetta Whitley and Mike Lanford serve as the Deputy Attorneys General. As Deputies, they are authorized to perform the duties and execute the powers of the Attorney General on his behalf and to serve in his place on boards and commissions. The administration of the Attorney General's Office is divided between the two Deputies. Onetta Whitley has responsibilities for the following divisions: Public Integrity, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Consumer Protection and various state agencies' representation. She is assisted by Betty Newell. Mike Lanford has responsibilities for the following divisions: Opinions, Civil Litigation, Criminal Appeals and various state agencies' representation, including Departments of Transportation, Gaming and Finance and Administration. He is assisted by Linda Nesline.

Chief of Staff

The Chief of Staff, Geoffrey Morgan, handles office personnel issues and provides counsel to the Attorney General on a wide range of legal issues. The Chief of Staff also assists citizens with complaints and questions and handles outside counsel contracts throughout the MAGIC system. Assisting the Chief of Staff in his daily duties is Cindy Burnham, who has over 30 years of service to the State of Mississippi.

Support Staff

Receptionists Donna Thomas, Marilyn Robinson and Nicole Martin are invaluable assets to the Attorney General, his staff and the people of Mississippi. They are often the first contact callers have with this office, and they cheerfully perform their duties each day. They answer numerous phone calls and direct callers to the best person in the office to address their questions. These ladies also greet the many visitors the office receives each day.

Public Information Office

The Mississippi Attorney General's Office recognizes the important role played by the media in our efforts to serve the people in our great state and supports an open relationship with members of the press. The Public Information Officer is Jan Schaefer, who has a Master's Degree in Communication and approximately 20 years experience in public relations, as well as print and broadcast journalism. The Public Information Office is responsible for writing and distributing news releases and agency publications, handling public inquiries and planning public events.

The Mississippi Attorney General's Office strives to keep the state's families, adolescents and elderly safe through prevention, education and awareness. Resources available from the Mississippi Attorney General's Public Information Office include the following publications:

Relating to Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement

- *Underage Drinking: What Parents Should Know*
- *Youth Drug Abuse: What Parents Should Know*
- *"Drug Free" Crossword Puzzle Sheet*

Relating to Crime Prevention/Victim Services

- *Address Confidentiality Program*
- *A Victim's Guide*
- *Crime Victim Compensation Financial Assistance for Victims of Crime in the State of Mississippi*
- *Bully-Proof*
- *School Violence Prevention Guide*
- *Workplace Violence Prevention: A Guide*
- *Effective Responses to Victims of Violent Crime: A Guide for Law Enforcement*
- *A Guide to Child Safety: A Parent's PLAN*
- *Resource Guide for Combating Senior Financial Abuse in Mississippi*
- *Youth Suicide: What Parents Should Know*
- *Mississippi Crime Victims' Bill of Rights*
- *Post Conviction Procedures*

Relating to Cyber Crime

- *A Guide to Child Safety: A Parent's PLAN*
- *Cyberbullying: What Parents Should Know*
- *Sexting: What Parents Should Know*
- *Illegal Downloads: What Parents Should Know*
- *Keeping You Safe in Cyberspace*
- *Online Dating Tips*

Relating to Vulnerable Adults

- *Vulnerable Adults Law Enforcement Guide*

Relating to Consumer Protection

- *Guidelines for Home Repair Contracting*
- *Identity Theft (Book and Pamphlet)*
- *Operation Knock Out Knock Offs*
- *Consumer Tips for Storm Victims*
- *What Determines the Price I Pay for Gasoline*
- *A Merchant's Guide to Mississippi's Price Gouging Law*
- *Designer Jeans Dirt Cheap?*
- *A Consumer Guide to Mississippi's Lemon Law*
- *Mississippi Guide to Consumer Protection Laws*
- *Spanish Brochures (El Fraude en Casa, El Fraude de Automovil and El Fraude en la Billetera)*

Relating to Domestic Violence

- *Federal Firearms Law: Domestic Violence Offender Gun Ban*
- *Responding to a Domestic Violence Call: A Quick-Reference Guide for Mississippi Law Enforcement*
- *Human Trafficking*
- *Stalking: Prevention and Awareness Guide*
- *Dating Violence: Expect Respect*
- *The Mississippi Domestic Abuse Protection Order*

Relating to the Opinions Division

- *Guide to Mississippi Open Meetings and Public Records Laws*
- *Safeguarding the Vote: Recognizing and Reporting Election Crimes*
- *Public Records Law (as revised in 2008) Affecting Law Enforcement*

Various

- *A Quick Reference Guide to the Office of Attorney General, State of Mississippi*

Bureau of Victim Assistance

2014 Bureau of Victim Assistance Accomplishments:

- **Awarded $3,628,465.61 through the Crime Victim Compensation Fund**
- **Awarded $223,794 for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations**
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The Bureau of Victim Assistance (BOVA) is charged with supporting efforts to increase the effectiveness of the criminal justice system; promoting the fair and compassionate treatment of victims of crime; ensuring victims are afforded their constitutional rights and considerations; providing eligible victims of violent crime with financial assistance; and facilitating efforts to improve outcomes for children.

Children's Division

The Children's Division collaborates with other state agencies and nonprofits to work to improve the juvenile justice and child welfare systems in an effort to facilitate efforts to reduce juvenile delinquency, truancy, drop-out rates, cyberbullying, exploitation of children, child abuse, and child neglect through training and technical assistance.

Healthy Choices for Teens Program – IGU ("I Got You")

This is an educational community health outreach program for 8th and 10th graders in Mississippi. The program was developed by Central Mississippi Residential Center in partnership with area schools, local law enforcement, the Mississippi Department of Mental Health Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter, Mississippi State University Extension Service and the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.

Students travel to Central Mississippi Residential Center during school hours to learn about topics including suicide prevention, healthy dating relationships, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, bullying and cyber bullying, self-injury and healthy coping skills. The program presenters are professionals who not only are experienced in their field's, but also are able to connect with the students.

Students learn how to better cope with challenging situations, why it is important to seek help, and what resources are available. Pre and post-program surveys are used to evaluate and improve the presentations. Survey results indicate that the program has had a significant positive impact on students. Schools report that as a result of the program they have observed an improvement in academic performance and an increase in coping skills as well as a decrease in behavior-related office referrals.

To develop and expand the I Got You program, Central Mississippi Residential Center was awarded a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation – Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is being replicated in Adams, Leflore, Washington, Rankin, and Harrison counties. After more than a decade of innovation and replication, JDAI is one of the nation's most effective, influential and widespread juvenile initiatives for justice system reform.

The Children's Division sponsored the first Mississippi JDAI State Conference, September 17-18, 2013, in Oxford, Mississippi. The audience included stakeholders from the five JDAI sites, Youth Court Judges, Detention Center Directors and Youth Court Counselors/Probation Officers from across the State, in addition to members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. The evaluations indicated that participants were very much engaged and receptive to the information provided during the 1 ½ day conference. There were approximately 70 people in attendance.

During September 25-27, 2013, through a $12,000.00 grant award from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Children's Division sponsored a delegation of stakeholders to visit JDAI's model "state site" in New Jersey. The purpose of the visit was to gain insight on practical examples and strategies utilized to implement JDAI on a statewide scale. The plan for going to scale in Mississippi is to replicate JDAI principles in each county court jurisdiction having a juvenile detention facility.

JDAI focuses on the juvenile detention component of the juvenile justice system and promotes changes to policies, practices, and programs to reduce reliance on secure confinement; improve public safety; reduce racial disparities and bias; save taxpayers' dollars; and stimulate overall juvenile justice reforms.

Juvenile Detention and Alternatives Task Force

As the Statewide JDAI Coordinator of the Annie E. Casey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, the Attorney General's Office has been involved in the Juvenile Detention and Alternatives Task Force established by the Legislature during the 2012 Regular Session. The initial purpose of the task force was to support the expansion of juvenile detention alternatives and recommend licensing standards for juvenile detention facilities throughout the state. The Task Force was charged with submitting a report to the Legislature that included a plan for supporting juvenile detention alternatives; for reducing the financial burden incurred by counties for providing juvenile detention services; increasing cross-county collaboration; reducing duplication of services and maximizing support from federal state and private sources; proposing juvenile detention licensing standards; recommending which state agency should handle the licensing standards and regulations of juvenile detention centers; recommending legislation; and raising other issues related to juvenile detention centers or alternatives to juvenile detention. The report was submitted to the Legislature in December 2013.

The function of the Task Force was extended by the Legislature during the 2014 Regular Session. As the Statewide JDAI Coordinator, the Attorney General's Office is a designated member of the Task Force.

The Oakley Youth Development Center Garden Project

The year of 2013 was the final year of the three-year project. On April 8, 2010, representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, Mississippi Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services, Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Mississippi State Extension Services, Hinds County Sheriff's Office and other agencies collaborated to develop a garden project for juveniles detained at the Oakley Youth Development Center. The project was funded by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

The Garden Project exposed juveniles detained at Oakley Youth Development Center to the benefits of healthy eating and healthy living. Youth were educated on the benefits of healthy eating and healthy living on their physical and psychological well-being through a facility-based, hands-on process of selecting, planting, cultivating, growing and harvesting their own specialty crops.

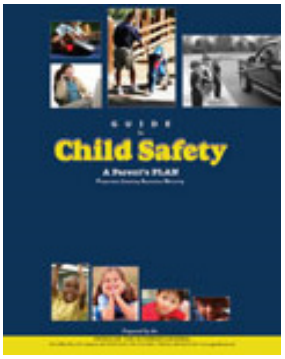
Through the Garden Project, detained youth participated in healthy behavioral modification programs; healthy eating programs, and exercise programs. Since youth were involved in every aspect of the project, they unknowingly applied educational tools, such as, math, science, reading, and astronomy in developing and maintaining the garden. This provided them with a sense of ownership, which hopefully will benefit them when they return to their communities.

To commemorate the conclusion of the project, the Attorney General's Office in collaboration with the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services, prepared a three-year report that was distributed to detention facilities and correction facilities throughout the state. The report included comments from the youth and faculty, pictures of the specialty crops produced by the youth and a summary of activities completed during the project.

The garden project is currently being replicated at the Rankin County Youth Detention Center. It is our hope that other secured facilities throughout the state will also replicate this worthwhile project.

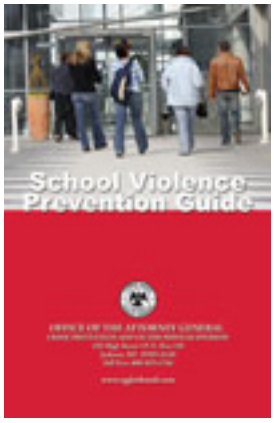
School Safety Resource Publications

There are publications such as the ones pictured here that are available on the Mississippi Office of the Attorney General website (www.agjimhood.com). These publications serve as resource materials to equip parents, teachers and administrators with the tools needed to protect children in communities and schools. The website also has other publications that are valuable to the protection of children and adults.



A Parent's PLAN to Child Safety

Vital factors in ensuring child safety are Preparation, Listening, Awareness, and Nurturing. Because dangerous situations are real in a child's world, parents must use every measure available to protect their children. Unfortunately, parents cannot be with their child at all times, so this PLAN provides parents with some indicators of predatory behavior, steps to implement, precautionary guidelines to follow and some basic safety skills for children.



School Violence Prevention Guide

This school violence prevention guide is designed to help teachers identify the warning signs of a potentially violent child and to help school administrators establish a protocol for students and teachers to report these signs before a violent act occurs.

Other work of the Children's Division includes:

- Mississippi College School of Law, Child Advocacy Program Advisory Board
- Mississippi KIDS COUNT Program Advisory Board
- Commission on Children's Justice
- Child Death Review Board
- MDHS' State Level Case Review Team
- Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc. Lookin' to the Future Conference Committee
- Mississippians Advocating Against Underage Drinking (MAAUD) Task Force
- Interagency System of Care Council
- Jim Casey Mississippi Youth Opportunity Initiative Community Partnership Board
- Juvenile Justice Symposium Planning Committee
- Executive Steering Council for NFusion
- Trauma Conference Planning Committee
- One Loud Voice Conference Planning Committee
- Teen Pregnancy Task Force

Advocacy, Training and Technical Assistance Division

The Advocacy, Training and Technical Assistance Division of the BOVA is actively engaged in a number of activities for law enforcement, prosecutors and the judiciary, as well as advocates, community organizations and members of the public, which are specifically tailored to enhance victim safety and increase offender accountability in the areas of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and human trafficking.

Victim Assistance Program

The Victim Assistance Program is committed to providing the most up-to-date resources and information and to creating a better understanding of the criminal justice system for all crime victims and survivors. Program staff provide crisis intervention; assist with completion of financial aid applications; connect victims to support groups and other related services; educate law enforcement and victim service providers on victim rights and services; and assist victims with invoking their rights and obtaining case and offender status. The Victim Assistance Program emphasizes providing assistance to individuals who live in rural areas where local victim services are not available.

Additionally, victim advocates aid victims in their recovery by lending emotional support, assisting with supplying written documentation to criminal justice officials regarding the impact of the crime, requesting court-ordered restitution, and guiding victims and survivors through the criminal justice system and to other resources.

Advocates are responsible for assisting the Mississippi Attorney General's Criminal Litigation Division by providing victims and/or survivors whose cases are pending appeal with updates from the Mississippi Supreme Court and the Mississippi Court of Appeals. Court accompaniment for oral arguments before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals is provided upon request. Advocates also assist the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Vulnerable Persons Unit, Cyber Crime Unit and the Public Integrity Division.

During this fiscal period, the Victim Assistance Program assisted 678 victims of violent and non-violent crimes. Approximately 3,205 units of service were provided, including referrals, support, advocacy and information on the Crime Victim Compensation Division and the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights.

Advocates provide year-round support and technical assistance to victim service providers, law enforcement and criminal justice officials. Updated victim resource directories are routinely distributed statewide to all Victim Assistance Coordinators and victim service providers. In addition, victim advocates collaborate extensively with the Mississippi Coalition for Survivors of Homicide, Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The Program maintains a victim service provider network to assist in the exchange of information among victim service providers. This includes information on awareness events, training opportunities, various requests for assistance, available grants and legislative action regarding victim issues.

Training

Specifically-tailored training and education programs on a variety of topics are offered to meet the needs of professionals who work within or otherwise interact with the criminal and civil justice systems including, but not limited to, law enforcement officers, judges, court clerks and other court personnel, prosecutors, medical personnel, advocates and community-based organizations. The training and education programs created by the Division include a particular emphasis on the topics of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and human trafficking. The following is a summary of the activities performed by the training arm of the Division during fiscal year 2014:

Ongoing Law Enforcement Training

Throughout the year, Division staff provided training programs for law enforcement agencies. These training programs are held around the state of Mississippi, to better enable local law enforcement to attend and are provided free of charge at the request of the agencies. Topics of instruction included appropriate response to domestic violence and sexual assault crimes, report writing, courtroom testimony, use of the statewide database for protection orders and uniform offense reports, advanced investigative techniques in stalking and strangulation cases and enforcement of domestic abuse protection orders. In addition to this training, Division staff develops and teaches the required 20-hour domestic violence curriculum for new recruits at six of the law enforcement academies within the State. Division staff also provides a domestic violence course for the refresher class at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy (MLEOTA) and investigator courses at MLEOTA and the North Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy. The Division also works with a number of reserve officer academies, including those in Hinds, Simpson and Rankin counties as well as the Columbus and the Tupelo reserve officer academies. Training was also provided in cooperation with the MSU Extension Service for dispatchers and TAC officers. During fiscal year 2014, the Division trained over 2,000 law enforcement officers and dispatchers on various aspects of Mississippi law.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

The Division continues to partner with the MS Coalition Against Sexual Assault in its efforts to train medical professionals to perform the forensic examination on patients who present as victims of sexual assault. Nurses and physicians who perform the forensic examination must do so in a manner that preserves the chain of custody for the evidence collected during the examination and must be prepared to testify effectively. The SANE course teaches the medical professional how to navigate both the medical and legal landscape associated with forensic examinations. Division staff serves on the faculty for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program, which offers three SANE courses per year in the north, south and central sectors of the state. During fiscal year 2014, 49 nurses participated in and completed course requirements to become SANE certified.

Judges, Court Clerks and Prosecutors

Division staff has been active in assisting the judicial system and providing guidance on the laws related to domestic violence, the protection order process, stalking, strangulation, sexual assault and human trafficking. Division staff members are regular presenters at annual judicial and court clerk conferences or association meetings. Division staff has also conducted regional training sessions for court clerks on the Uniform Domestic Violence Offense Report and the Mississippi Protection Order Registry.

The Division also has on staff the state's Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor, who works closely with prosecutors around the state to help facilitate the successful prosecution of domestic violence and sex crime offenders. Division staff are regular presenters at the conferences organized by the Mississippi Prosecutor's Association and the Attorney General's Prosecutor Training Division. Division staff trained or otherwise provided instruction to over 400 court personnel (judges, clerks and prosecutors) on various aspects of state law related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, strangulation and human trafficking.

Other Initiatives

In addition to the training outlined above, the Division trained many other professionals, including social workers, advocates, private attorneys, community members and faith-based groups, reaching an estimated 1,000 additional persons. Beyond training and education in a classroom or conference setting, the Division serves as the centralized resource for matters pertaining to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, strangulation and human trafficking. Staff attorneys and advocates provide individualized responses to inquiries from law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and other professionals related to Mississippi laws on domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault. The Division has also been instrumental in the development and passage of domestic violence legislation to improve the response of the State of Mississippi to these crimes. Division staff also represent the Attorney General's Office on the State Domestic Violence Task Force, charged with reviewing and making recommendations regarding the delivery of services to victims of domestic violence.

Technical Assistance

The Division operates and oversees a statistical database to include a central registry for domestic abuse protection orders as well uniform offense reports. Technical assistance is provided to court clerks and law enforcement personnel on the operation of the Mississippi Domestic Abuse Protection Order Registry and the Uniform Offense Report systems, which includes issues dealing with entry of the orders and reports, making sure passwords are issued and operating appropriately and trouble-shooting with individual agencies as problems arise. During fiscal year 2014, 271 domestic abuse protection orders were entered into the Registry by court personnel; and law enforcement submitted 10,071 uniform offense reports during the same period. The Division also is charged with making sure domestic abuse protection orders are validated to insure that MS protection orders automatically flow into the database for NCIC which is maintained by the FBI. This requires close communication with Mississippi's Criminal Information Center, the courts, and the TAC officers for every county. During fiscal year 2014, Division staff validated 212 Final Domestic Abuse Protection Orders.

Technical assistance is also provided through the development and distribution of statewide resource materials related to laws, policies and practices on the topics of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault. In addition, the Division creates and disseminates the uniform protection order forms as well as the uniform petition for requesting protection.

Human Trafficking

The position of Human Trafficking Coordinator is housed within the BOVA and is responsible for evaluation of state efforts to combat human trafficking; collection of data on human trafficking activity within the state; promotion of public awareness on human trafficking; remedies and services for victims; development and implementation of rules pertaining to management of the Relief for Victims of Human Trafficking Fund; and, as indicated above, development of training for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and others in the legal system, as well as members of the community, on the various forms of human trafficking. The Division has also been instrumental in the development and passage of human trafficking legislation.

Crime Victim Compensation Division

The Crime Victim Compensation Division provides financial assistance and support services to victims of crime and their family members. The goal of the Division is to relieve the hardships of victims and to assist in their recovery whenever possible. We are able to accomplish these goals through several program activities including, but not limited to: financial assistance through the Crime Victim Compensation Program, reimbursements to medical providers through the Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exam Payment Program, and aiding victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in keeping their location confidential through the Address Confidentiality Program. The Division operates without tax dollars. Revenue is derived from fees/fines imposed on criminals, court-ordered restitution, reimbursement though subrogation rights, donations and federal grants.

Victim Compensation Program

The financial burden of crime is reduced by reimbursing eligible victims for their crime-related injury expenses not covered by any other source of benefits. Compensation may be awarded to the victim, the dependents of a deceased victim, survivors or a person authorized to act on behalf of the victim and/or surviving dependent. Benefits are awarded for medical care, rehabilitation, counseling services, work loss, loss of support for dependents of homicide victims, tuition loss, domestic violence relocation and temporary housing assistance, court related travel, repair and replacement costs, crime scene cleanup and funeral expenses. During July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, the Division received a total of 1,128 claim applications, and awarded $3,628,465.61.

The Division received a $1,865,000.00 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Compensation federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime.

Victim Compensation Response Form

As a way to assist the division in its on going efforts to continually enhance program effectiveness, participants awarded compensation benefits were sent a Victim Compensation Response Form. These response forms reflected numerous positive remarks including, but not limited to, the following:

- “Response time was very quick. I much appreciate your efforts on my behalf.”
- “Thank you very much for the help that you have provided for me. You did a great job.”
- “I was very pleased with the Victim Compensation Program, and I hope God will forever bless your program/division.”
- “I want to start off by saying thank you. I don’t know what or how I would have paid those bills without y’all. Thanks for paying doctor, hospital bills. And the much needed compensation for lost wages. Thank you!!”
- “I want to thank you all for all this help. I have three young children, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exam Payment Program

From July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, the Division paid a total of $223,794.00 to medical providers for costs of 301 Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations. By law, the victim should not receive the bill for the exam, nor should the victim be held responsible for payment.

Address Confidentiality Program

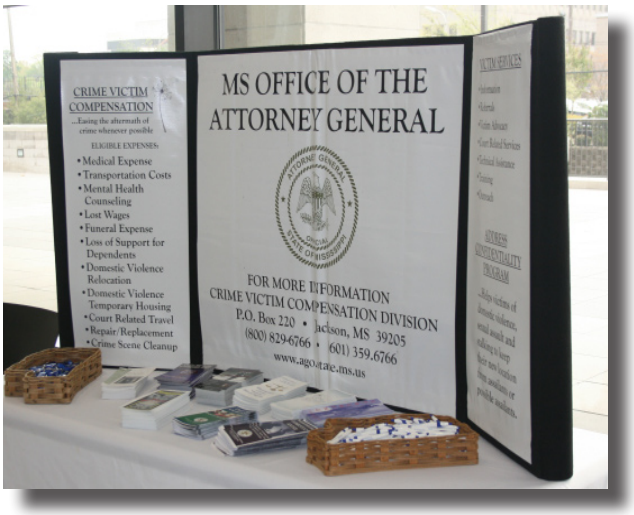
The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), as one part of an overall safety plan, assists Mississippi residents who are attempting to escape from actual or threatened domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking by establishing a confidential address in an effort to prevent their assailants or probable assailants from finding the victim's location. Program participation allows the Division to act as the legal agent for the participant and gives the Division the authority to accept service of process on behalf of the participant. The Address Confidentiality Program helps victims keep their location confidential by providing them with a substitute address and a mail forwarding service for use when interacting with state and local agencies. All legal documents, first class, registered and certified mail are routed from the Division to the victim's new, confidential location. By law, the addresses of those enrolled in the Address Confidentiality Program are exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act.

Outreach, Public Awareness and Community Involvement

Training continues to be an ongoing and integral component of the Division. Staff conducted a total of 24 trainings and awareness events. Those trainings and/or events included, but are not limited to Mississippi Prosecutor's Association Training, Youth Court Prosecutor's Training, Leadership Council on Aging Training, One Loud Voice Conference sponsored by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Trainings through the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault, National Guard Sexual Assault Advocate Training, Justice Court Clerk's Conference, and law enforcement training academies.

The Division continues to co-host and/or participate in Annual Crime Victims' Rights Week Events and the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. During these events, individuals from across the state come together to remember, honor and pay tribute to victims of violent crime; to bring awareness to the needs of and services for crime victims; to promote the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; and to recognize the many individuals who provide much needed services and assistance to victims and survivors alike.





Some of the information fair booths inside the lobby of the Walter Siller's building during the 2014 Crime Victims' Rights Week





Special Projects

Mississippi Attorney General ("MAG") Certified Law Enforcement Training

The Division continues to partner with the Office on Law Enforcement, Emergency Telecommunications, and Detention Officer Standards and Training to offer statewide "MAG" (Mississippi Attorney General) Certified Law Enforcement Training. "MAG" training provided law enforcement officers who are required to receive certified continuing education with two opportunities to receive training in various locations across the state. These trainings took place in Starkville and Olive Branch, Mississippi. As a result of this partnership, approximately 81 individual officers representing 34 agencies were trained.

Experienced advocates, attorneys, and investigators provided lectures and/or workshops on topics specifically related to law enforcement, including, but not limited to, Legislative/Case Law Update, The Intersection of Technology & Sexual Violence, Workplace Violence, and Interview Techniques.

Training evaluations reflected numerous positive responses including the following:

- "AG's office does awesome trainings. Your service and availability to law enforcement is greatly appreciated."
- "This class was great. The best one I've attended since I have been in law enforcement."
- "The training was very informative. Materials provided can be taken back to my department to inform other officers."
- "This was my first class, and I truly enjoyed the workshop. A whole lot of things I didn't know."
- "I actually was awake and enjoyed the class. Every instructor had my attention."

Civil Litigation Division

2014 Civil Litigation Accomplishments:

- **Positive outcome in 98% of civil litigation cases in federal and state courts**
- **Positive outcome in 100% of prisoner complaints filed in federal courts**
- **Recovered $ 2,350,472.66 for state and local taxpayers in audit and ethics matters, including recoveries for cities and counties**

Significant or particularly successful litigation cases handled by the Civil Litigation Division or that are pending include the following:

Protecting Important Statewide Interests

Gordon Justice, Jr., et al v. Delbert Hosemannm et al (U.S. Ct. Ap. Fifth Circuit) The Civil Litigation Division successfully defended Mississippi's campaign finance disclosure laws from a First Amendment Challenge. A group of persons filed a constitutional challenge alleging that the disclosure laws unduly burden the right of free speech. The United State District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi denied plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction but later declared the laws to be unconstitutional. The Attorney General appealed the decision to the Fifth Circuit. The Fifth Circuit reversed the district court after finding that campaign disclosure laws serve the important governmental interest of educating voters. The Fifth Circuit found that the State's disclosure requirements were not unduly burdensome.

True the Vote, et al v. Delbert Hosemann, et al (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss) An out-of-state advocacy organization and several Mississippi voters filed suit alleging that the federal Voter Registration Act required the State to publicly disclose the name, address and date of birth of every Mississippi registered voter. The State had refused to publically disclose voters' dates of birth based on privacy and identity theft concerns. After an expedited hearing and briefing schedule, the district court agreed with the Attorney General's Office that the Voter Registration Act did not preempt state law which protected sensitive voter information.

Jackson Women's Health Organization and Willie Parker, M.D. v. Mary Currier, M.D., M.P.H., in her official capacity as State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.) The Civil Litigation Division is representing State Health Officer Mary Currier, M.D., M.P.H. in a lawsuit filed by a Mississippi abortion clinic challenging the constitutionality of House Bill 1390, which went into effect on July 1, 2012. HB1390 requires all physicians associated with an abortion facility to have admitting and staff privileges at a local hospital and to be board certified or board eligible in obstetrics and gynecology. The district court entered a preliminary injunction barring the State from enforcing the admitting privileges requirement of HB 1390. On July 29, 2014, in a 2-1 decision, a three-judge panel of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion affirming the preliminary injunction with a slight modification. On August 13, 2014, the Division filed a petition for rehearing en banc, seeking review by the entire Fifth Circuit.

Corban v. United Services Auto. Ass'n (Mississippi Supreme Court) In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Attorney General initiated and joined litigation against insurance companies conducting business in Mississippi seeking to enforce policy language that would require the companies to pay claims for hurricane damages caused by Katrina's unprecedented destruction. For example, in the **Corban** case, the Attorney General's Office submitted an amici curiae brief to the Mississippi Supreme Court arguing that certain insurance companies were improperly shifting the burden upon the policyholder to prove that the wind caused the damage rather than the insurer having to prove that the damage was excluded from coverage. The Supreme Court's opinion agreed with the arguments presented by the homeowner and the Attorney General and set a strong precedent in favor of the homeowners for future victims of natural disasters.

Metal Management Mississippi, Inc. v. Governor Haley Barbour (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.) To curb the epidemic of metal theft, the legislature enacted new regulations on companies that purchase scrap metal. A scrap metal purchaser filed suit in federal court asserting the law violated the federal Constitution. The purchaser sought a preliminary injunction prohibiting the law from taking effect. The Civil Litigation Division filed a memorandum in opposition to the requested relief. After a lengthy oral argument, the federal court denied the purchaser's request to stay the law. In light of the arguments presented by the Division, the purchaser later dismissed the suit in its entirety.

City of Jackson v. The Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board (Hinds County Chancery Court) The City of Jackson Fire Department filed suit against the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board (MSCB) alleging the MSCB did not have the statutory authority to require firefighter candidates to pass written and skills testing as a pre-condition to certification. The City argued that the Board did not have the express or implied statutory authority to administer a certification test because the word "test" does not appear in the Board's governing statutes. In defense, the Civil Litigation Division filed a motion for summary judgment, and successfully argued that because the Legislature required the MSCB utilize the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) fire service professional qualification standards that certification testing of every graduate from every fire academy was within the Board's authority. The City of Jackson appealed the Chancellor's order granting summary judgment, but dismissed the appeal after filing its brief.

Jackson County, Mississippi, by and through Jackson County Board of Supervisors, and Jackson County, Mississippi, by and through Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Mike Bryd v. Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) (Jackson County Chancery Court) The Civil Litigation Division is representing PERS in an action filed by Jackson County, Mississippi challenging an administrative decision by the PERS staff that Jackson County's employee leave policies did not comply with state law and regulatory requirements. Jackson County sought a preliminary injunction to prohibit PERS from going forward with an administrative hearing, and requested the Chancellor enter a declaratory judgment requiring PERS to interpret the leave policies in the manner they demanded– which contradicts the plain and unambiguous language of their own policies. In response, PERS filed a motion to dismiss, asserting, inter alia, improper venue and lack of subject matter jurisdiction. After two days of oral argument, the Chancellor entered an injunction enjoining PERS from going forward with the scheduled hearing and deferred ruling on PERS' Motion to Dismiss. Subsequently, Jackson County filed a Motion for Summary Judgment, and PERS filed an Amended Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative, for Transfer of Venue. In the Amended Motion, PERS requested that the court dismiss this action for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, improper venue, and for failure to state a claim. Following oral argument the Chancellor entered an order denying both Jackson County's Motion for Summary Judgment and PERS' Amended Motion to Dismiss. The Division immediately petitioned the Supreme Court for interlocutory review of the denial of its Amended Motion to Dismiss and argued that the separation of powers doctrine forbids the courts from usurping the jurisdiction of state agencies such as PERS before the agency has had the opportunity to fully consider a matter and issue a final administrative decision. The Mississippi Supreme Court granted PERS' Petition for Interlocutory Appeal, and the Division is awaiting the entry of a briefing schedule.

In addition to the previous cases, the Civil Litigation Division is monitoring or participating in dozens of other state or federal cases in which the constitutionality of a state statute is being challenged. Also, the Division is actively involved in many other cases challenging the constitutionality of actions by various state agencies, including the Medical Licensure Board, the Board of Bar Admissions, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Health.

Recovering Funds Due to the State

Mississippi Surplus Lines Association v. J.K. Stringer, Jr. (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.) Pursuant to statutory authority, the Mississippi Commissioner of Insurance has enlisted the assistance of the Mississippi Surplus Lines Association (MSLA) in regulating certain insurance agents. By statute, the Commissioner authorized MSLA to collect a fee from agents in order to fund MSLA's operating expenses. By 2004, MSLA had accumulated a significant excess of statutory fees, and legislation was passed requiring MSLA to transfer $2 million of its excess statutory fees to the Budget Contingency Fund. MSLA filed suit in federal court asserting that the statutory fees were private property that could not be taken by the State. After extensive briefing by both parties, the federal district court ruled for the State and adopted the Civil Litigation Division's argument that the $2 million in statutory fees are the property of the State. MSLA appealed the decision to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the Division and affirmed the district court.

C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr. Secretary of State for State of Mississippi, Poplarville Special Municipal School District and Pearl River County School District v. Harold Simmons (Pearl River County Circuit Court) The Civil Litigation Division is representing the Secretary of State in a lawsuit to maximize the return on 16th Section school lands for the benefit of Mississippi schoolchildren. Two Mississippi school districts contracted with a logger to cut timber on 16th Section school lands. After receiving an anonymous tip that the logger was not paying for all the timber he was cutting from the school lands, the Secretary of State, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture, and the Mississippi Forestry Commission jointly investigated and determined that approximately $300,000 worth of additional timber had been cut, but not paid for, by the logger. The Division reached a favorable settlement with the logger's insurance company, and the local district attorney obtained a criminal indictment and subsequent guilty plea related to the same events. Pursuant to the guilty plea the logger will serve 30 consecutive days, followed by 48 weekends in Pearl River County Jail, and will also pay restitution in the amount $26,000.00.

Mississippi Department of Archives v. Gildersleeve. The Civil Litigation successfully recovered $171,391 in grant money misspent by the recipient. The grant money had been awarded by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to be used to restore a historically significant home damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The recipient accepted the funds, but failed to comply with the terms of the grant. After the Civil Litigation Division threatened to initiate legal action, and the recipient agreed to pay back the grant amount plus interest.

Defending State Agencies and State Statutes

Denning, et al. v. Barbour, et al. (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.) In response to the significant increases in the cost of prescription drugs provided by the Division of Medicaid, the Legislature enacted a number of cost-saving measures including reducing the number of prescriptions covered by Medicaid to five per month for adult, non-institutionalized beneficiaries. A class of Medicaid beneficiaries filed suit in federal court seeking to prohibit the Division from enforcing the drug limitation. Plaintiffs alleged that the statutory changes violated the federal 1990 Medicaid Drug Rebate Act. The Civil Litigation Division has represented the Division of Medicaid and defended the statutory changes through extensive briefing and several court hearings. Plaintiffs agreed to dismiss the case without requiring changes to the Medicaid prescription drug program.

United States v. State of Mississippi (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.); Morgan v. Sproat (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.); K.L.W. v. James (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.); J. A. v. Barbour (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.) The Civil Litigation Division successfully represented the Department of Human Services in suits filed by the United States Department of Justice and private plaintiffs relating to the operation of the Columbia and Oakley juvenile training schools. The suits relate to the conditions of confinement and allege, in part, that the constitutional rights of juveniles were being violated because of staff abuse, inadequate medical and health care and the failure to provide required educational services. Under the direction of the Governor and in consultation with the Legislature, the State has entered into a comprehensive settlement with the United States Department of Justice requiring the Department to improve the conditions of the juvenile training schools. The Division has complied with the terms of the agreement and the case has been dismissed.

Olivia Y. , et al. v. Barbour, et al. (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.) The New York based Children's Rights, Inc. has filed suit alleging that the foster care system administered by the Department of Human Services violates federal law and the constitutional rights of children by failing to provide adequate protective services and other related foster care benefits. The Civil Litigation Division moved to dismiss the complaint and argued that the allegations raised by Children's Rights were not proper legal issues under federal law. The federal court agreed in large part and dismissed seven out of the eight claims. The dismissal significantly reduced the size of the plaintiff class from 15,000 to 20,000 children to the approximately 3,000 children in foster care. Because of the number of documents involved in this very large class action, the Civil Litigation Division has enlisted the assistance of outside counsel. At the direction of the Governor, in consultation with the Legislature, and with the approval of the federal district court, the State has entered into a settlement agreement requiring the Department of Human Services to achieve accreditation by the National Council on Accreditation and make other improvements to foster care.

Miss. State Democratic Party, et al. v. Haley Barbour, et al. (U.S. Ct. Ap. Fifth Circuit) The Democratic Party filed suit challenging the constitutionality of the state's current open primary laws. The federal district court denied the Party's request to enjoin enforcement of the laws during the 2006 primaries. After cross-motions for summary judgment, the federal court declared the open primary laws to be unconstitutional. The Civil Litigation Division, along with other parties, appealed the decision to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals reversed the district court decision and reinstated the state's open primary laws.

Deborah Ellis, et al. v. Mississippi Department of Health, et al. (U.S. Ct. Ap. Fifth Circuit) A child care facility challenged the authority of the Mississippi Department of Health to conduct warrantless searches of licensed facilities. The Civil Litigation Division successfully argued that the searches were constitutionally adequate and the actions of the agency's employees were not objectively unreasonable. The District Court's dismissal of the case was affirmed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Defending State Employees Sued For Alleged Violations of Federal Law

The Prisoner Litigation Team has been successful in defending a large number of claims including, but not limited to, claims of excessive force, deliberate indifference to an inmate's need for protection from harm, deliberate indifference to an inmate's serious medical needs, retaliation, violations of an inmate's right to due process and many others which are primarily resolved at the motion stage.

Kirby Tate v. Earnestine Starks, et al. (U.S. Dist.Ct., N.D. Miss.) Plaintiff, a validated leader of the Simon City Royals street gang who was pardoned by Governor Haley Barbour, brought this suit alleging a violation of his due process rights. Specifically, Plaintiff alleged that he was falsely classified as a gang leader at the Mississippi State Penitentiary and that as a result he was placed in solitary confinement for a period of many months in violation of his constitutional rights. At the conclusion of a three-day bench trial, the Magistrate Judge found in favor of the State Defendants.

Exso Chandler v. Thelma Thompson (U.S. Dist.Ct., N.D. Miss.) This civil action arose when the Plaintiff, an inmate at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, brought suit alleging a violation of his Eighth Amendment rights. Specifically, Plaintiff alleged that a correctional officer issued the plaintiff false disciplinary reports and refused to allow him to communicate with his family in retaliation for his complaining and dispensing legal advice to other inmates. A bench trial was held and after all the evidence was presented, the Magistrate Judge ruled in favor of the State Defendants.

Marvin Ray Berry v. Paxton Paige, et al. (U.S.Dist.Ct., S.D. Miss.) This civil action was brought by an inmate at South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) alleging that State Defendants denied him needed medical care for a neck injury in violation of his constitutional rights. The Plaintiff alleged that he suffered considerably as a result, including constant pain and breathing problems. A motion for summary judgment was filed on behalf of the State Defendants and the Magistrate Judge granted the motion and dismissed the Plaintiff's claim with prejudice.

Ensuring the Orderly Administration of Elections

In the weeks preceding the elections, numerous suits were filed in which plaintiffs asked a court to issue immediate orders enjoining all or part of the election. Plaintiffs asserted arguments including alleged violations of the federal Voting Rights Act and the State and federal constitutions. In each case, the Civil Litigation Division successfully defended the action, and the election proceeded as planned. **Jim Arnold v. State Election Commission (Hinds County Chancery Court); Shawn O'Hara, et al. v. Secretary of State (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.); Henry Boyd Jr., et al. v. Haley Barbour, et al. (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.); Floydist James Martin v. Haley Barbour, et al. (Consolidated with) Henry Kirksey et al. v. Haley Barbour, et al. (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.); George Dunbar Prewitt, Jr. v. State Board of Election Commissioners (Washington County Circuit Court); George Dunbar Prewitt, Jr. v. Eric Clark, Secretary of State, et al. (Washington County Circuit Court); George Dunbar Prewitt, Jr. v. State Board of Election Commissioners (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.); Leola Strickland, et al. v. Eric Clark, et al. (Hinds County Chancery Court); Jim Giles v. State Board of Election Commissioners (U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D. Miss.)**

Employment Related Litigation and Defense of State Officials

The Civil Litigation Division devotes a significant amount of time and resources each year to defending state agencies and officials against discrimination actions, excessive force suits and other litigation in which plaintiffs seek monetary damages. The Civil Litigation Division successfully defended the following cases:

John Wade v. Mississippi Department of Public Safety (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); Jolene Wilson v. Mississippi Department of Human Services (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); Shirley Causey v. Mississippi Adolescent Center (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); Janice Brown v. Mississippi State Senate (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); Angela Moore v. Mississippi Department of Human Services (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); Jolynn Jackson v. Mississippi Department of Human Services (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); Hardy Mitchell v. Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); Andre Funches v. Mississippi Development Authority (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); Carolyn Harper v. Mississippi Department of Human Services (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss); Johnny Pattman v. Mississippi Department of Public Safety (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.); and Michael McField v. Mississippi Department of Public Safety (U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. Miss.).

Office of the State Auditor Civil Litigation

In fiscal year 2014, the Office of the State Auditor has secured or assisted in the recovery of $1,517,376.61 with the help of the Civil Litigation division of the Attorney General's Office. Among the cases which the Audit Section of the Civil Litigation Division assisted are the following:

Former Mayor of Southaven, Greg Davis. A written formal demand in the amount of $170,782.28 was issued on November 2, 2011. A second formal demand was issued on April 20, 2012, for an additional $11,033.38. For fiscal year 2012, payment in the amount of $96,000 was received, and $11,900.39 credit for receipts was given, leaving a balance of $73,915.27. On December 18, 2012, Davis was indicted on two counts of embezzlement by a public official and one count of false pretense. A civil case was tried, and on May 20, 2014, the Hinds County Chancery Court ruled in favor of the State Auditor's Office and ordered Davis to repay $73,915.27. Davis is appealing the ruling. On June 11, 2014, Davis was found guilty of embezzlement and making false representations to defraud the government, and was sentenced to ten years in prison, with two and a half years to serve, and seven and a half years of probation. Davis was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $17,827.14 to the City of Southaven and $1,000 to OSA for investigative costs. Davis is appealing the verdict.

Former Jackson Police Dept. Information Officer, Robert Graham. A formal written demand in the amount of $43,837.51 was issued on May 26, 2011, and transmitted to the AG's Office June 27, 2011. A negotiated settlement of the loss of leave days, which contributed to Graham's retirement with a value of $21,920.12, and payment in the amount of $1,898.54 was received and returned to the appropriate deserving entity.

Former Employee of the Department of Health, David B. Kweller. A formal written demand in the amount of $42,089.65 was issued on September 24, 2013. Kweller pled guilty to embezzlement on September 24, 2013. He was sentenced to five years in the custody of the MDOC under supervised probation, with four years suspended and one year of intensive supervised probation. For fiscal year 2014, payment in the amount of $42,089.65 was received, balance paid in full and returned to the appropriate deserving entity.

Former Assistant Chief Deputy of Records, Christine Murphy. On October 8, 2013, Murphy pled guilty to charges of embezzlement and alteration of records. She was given a non-adjudicated sentence of 10 years, with five suspended, and five years of supervised probation. Murphy was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $7,427.71 by making monthly payments in the amount of $150. For fiscal year 2014, payments in the amount of $1,050 were received, leaving a balance of $6,377.71.

Former Secretary, Denise Gleeton. On August 5, 2010, Denise Gleeton pled guilty to embezzlement. The Court withheld acceptance of the plea, placed her on five years of supervised probation, and ordered her to pay restitution of $7,735.47. A formal written demand in the amount of $7,735.47 was issued on September 1, 2010, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 1, 2010. For fiscal year 2014, payments in the amount of $235.47 were received and the balance paid in full and returned to the appropriate deserving entity.

Mayor of Hickory, Tommy Nichols. On October 14, 2013, a written formal demand was issued. For fiscal year 2014, payment from his bond in the amount of $22,286.69 was received, balance paid in full and returned to the appropriate deserving entity.

Former City Clerk of Sardis, Odessa Johnson. On November 8, 2012, Johnson pled guilty to embezzlement and was sentenced to serve a term of two and one-half years of incarceration in the MDOC. Upon release, Johnson is to be placed on five years of post-release supervision. In addition, Johnson was ordered to pay restitution beginning sixty days after release from custody at a rate of $350 per month. A formal written demand in the amount of $36,281.24 was issued on November 8, 2012. For Fiscal Year 2014, a negotiated settlement with her bond company in the amount of $31,081.24 was received and returned to the appropriate deserving entity.

Former Employee Roger's Auto Parts, Howard Cooper. On January 22, 2014, Cooper pled guilty to conspiracy to embezzle by a public employee, was sentenced to Pre-Trial Intervention, and to pay restitution in the amount of $4,000. For Fiscal Year 2014, payment in the amount of $4,000 has been received, balance paid in full and returned to the appropriate deserving entity.

Former Director of Transportation of North Pike School District, Jimmy Coker. On January 10, 2014, Coker pled guilty to embezzlement by a public employee. Coker is to remain on non-adjudicated probation for a period of 48 months, and agreed not to work for a governmental entity again. Coker was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $33,739.11. For Fiscal Year 2014, payment in the amount of $33,739.11 has been received, balance paid in full and returned to the appropriate deserving entity.



Former Coroner, Mark Golding. A written formal demand in the amount of $398,418.83 was issued on September 12, 2013. Golding entered a guilty plea on September 23, 2013, to two counts of fraud by a public official in Union County Circuit Court. Golding was sentenced to five years on each count in the custody of the MDOC, three years on each count were suspended. Golding will serve two years on each count for a total of four years. He will be placed on Post-Release Supervision, and counts one and two will run consecutively. In addition, Golding was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $363,484.93 to the Union County General Fund, and restitution of $34,933.90 to the Office of the State Auditor. Additionally, Golding forfeited all of his interest in his state retirement.

Former Warren County Circuit Clerk, Shelly Ashley-Palmertree. A written formal demand in the amount of $661,751.75 was issued on March 5, 2013. On August 16, 2013, another written formal demand in the amount of $156,500 was issued. Palmertree was indicted on two counts of Embezzlement on August 6, 2013. On August 7, 2013, she was arrested on two counts of embezzlement, and was scheduled for trial September 2014. In May of 2014, the Investigations Division presented documents to the Warren County Board of Supervisors proving Palmertree did not live in Warren County, therefore, the Board declared the circuit clerk position vacant. A written formal demand in the amount of $229,880.01 for excess fees was issued on May 21, 2014.

Consumer Protection Division

2014 Consumer Protection Division Accomplishments:

- **Responded to 64,617 phone calls placed to the division**
- **Collected $660,224 in restitution**
- **Recovered $330,000.47 in costs and fees**
- **Litigated 64 cases**
- **Opened 1,386 cases**
- **Opened 87 identity theft cases**
- **Opened 83 home repair fraud cases**
- **Made 15 identity theft arrests**
- **Made seven intellectual property crimes arrests**
- **Made 13 other arrests (i.e. murder, wire fraud, false pretense, grand larceny, price gouging, etc.)**

The Consumer Protection Division was created in 1974 by Section 75-24-1, et seq., Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The Consumer Protection Act of 1994 amended and strengthened these provisions. The Division handles a wide range of complaints from citizens located throughout the State of Mississippi. These complaints include, but are not limited to, lottery and sweepstakes scams, new and used car sales, and various forms of consumer fraud. The Division fields thousands of calls and emails each year. The Division is also charged with the investigation and prosecution of identity theft, home repair fraud and intellectual property crimes. The Division promotes consumer awareness through participation in civic group functions, student lectures, law enforcement seminars and other types of presentations throughout the state, as well as publishes and distributes public education brochures. Mediation of business complaints and investigation of deceptive business practices constitutes a large part of the Division's activities. To carry out its mission, the Division is also authorized to exercise various types of civil enforcement activities, including administrative subpoenas, cease and desist orders, assurances of voluntary compliance, injunctions and collection of civil penalties.

Consumer Education Efforts

The Consumer Protection Division presented numerous speeches, presentations and exhibits across Mississippi in an effort to educate consumers regarding scams, identity theft, intellectual property theft crimes, disaster related crimes, home repair fraud, and mortgage/foreclosure issues. Some of the events included: Shred-It Campaign, Copiah County Triad Day, Carthage Senior Citizens Day, Scam Jam Health and Wellness Fair, Oxford Health and Wellness Expo, and the Jackson Medical Mall Disaster Exp.. Other presentations were presented at Mississippi Valley State University, First Regional Library, Jackson Manor Apartments, Trinity Baptist Church in Pearl, Jackson Convention Complex, First United Methodist Church in Tupelo, Clarksdale Civic Auditorium, Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, Hilton Hotel in Ridgeland and Phelps Dunbar.

Highlights of Consumer Educational Efforts

Shred It and Forget It Campaign

The eighth annual Community Shred Days were held statewide March 7 & 8, 2014 in conjunction with National Consumer Protection Week. The event promotes consumer awareness about identity theft. During this year's event 94,050 pounds were shredded and approximately 1,513 consumers were helped. Last year 50,120 pounds were shredded and 1,118 consumers were helped.



Buggy lines were long at this year's Consumer Protection Shred-It Day in Jackson.

New to the event this year was the sponsorship of Magnolia Data Solutions (MDS). During the Community Shred day, MDS offered consumers a way to destroy their electronic items that contained sensitive data.

The numbers reported by MDS for the Jackson location are as followed:

- Computer/laptops- 137 units
- Hard drives shredded on site- approximately 261 units
- Cell phones shredded on site- approximately 52 units
- Backup tapes/cds/cassettes- approximately 30 pounds

Cards were made available to consumers at all other locations. These cards allow consumers a one-time opportunity to bring up to five of their electronic items to the MDS Jackson MS facility. The cards expired January 1, 2015.

This year's event was a partnership between the Attorney General's Office, Cintas, BancorpSouth, Magnolia Data Solutions, the Secretary of State's Office, ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions (formerly CredAbility), Better Business Bureau (BBB), the Mississippi State University Extension Service, Wal-Mart, The Home Depot, Leadership Council on Aging, Mississippi State University Extension Service, BancorpSouth Insurance Services and other Mississippi Consumer Education Partnership members.



Electronic devices head for the shredder in the Magnolia Data Solutions recycling truck.

Significant Multi-State Actions

Affinion Group, Inc., Trilegiant Corporation, and Webloyalty.Com. Inc.

Attorney General Jim Hood and the Attorneys General of 46 other states and the District of Columbia reached a settlement with Affinion, a Connecticut-based company, and its subsidiaries Trilegiant and Webloyalty. Affinion agreed to pay over $30 million to settle allegations that they misled consumers into signing up and paying for discount clubs and membership. Mississippi received $25,000 of said funds. As part of this settlement, Affinion also agreed to establish a fund of approximately $19 million to provide refunds to some consumers who received unauthorized charges for Affinion's programs. 120 claims were filed by Mississippi consumers.

Affinion and its subsidiaries run multiple discount clubs and membership programs offering a variety of services such as credit monitoring, roadside assistance, and discounted travel. Affinion markets these programs through a series of agreements with "marketing partners" – well-known banks and retailers that present these programs to consumers often immediately after the consumer has engaged in a transaction with that partner. Affinion's programs are marketed via direct mail, online, telemarketing, and in face-to-face point of sale transactions. Affinion charges a monthly fee to consumers for these services, which continues until the consumers affirmatively cancel.

Consumers complaining to the States alleged that Affinion charged them for services without consumers' authorization or knowledge, and, once consumers learned they were being charged, some further had trouble canceling or getting a refund. Other consumers were confused about who Affinion even was because the offers looked like they came from Affinion's marketing partners, which usually were banks or retailers with which the consumers did business.

The States' investigation uncovered several of Affinion's marketing practices that misled consumers, including a lack of clear and conspicuous disclosure about Affinion's identity, and the cost and ongoing nature of the charges. Most troubling were two marketing practices of Affinion – live checks and online data pass. In a live check solicitation, consumers were sent via direct mail an offer that appeared to be a check – but when consumers endorsed and deposited the checks, the consumers unknowingly authorized Affinion to enroll them in membership programs, and to bill them each month indefinitely. In an online data pass offer, consumers were presented an Affinion offer immediately after an online purchase from a retailer. Affinion was then able to enroll and bill consumers without acquiring any of their account information because the marketing partner would pass that information to Affinion. As part of the settlement, both practices are prohibited.

The agreement included further changes to Affinion's business model by requiring Affinion to provide clear and conspicuous information to consumers after enrollment regarding their membership, periodic reminders of their enrollment, and changes to Affinion's cancellation practices.

Phusion Projects, LLC

Mississippi is part of a multistate investigation regarding Phusion Projects, LLC, a manufacturer of the alcoholic energy drinks Four, Four Loko, and Four MaXed energy drinks. These products are dangerous because caffeine or other stimulants mask the drinker's ability to perceive his or her level of intoxication, resulting in the increased likelihood of alcohol poisoning, driving while intoxicated, and inflicting injury to oneself or others. In 2008, the multistate group entered into a settlement with Anheuser-Busch, Inc. involving its caffeinated alcohol beverages, including Tilt and Bud Extra brands. Later that year, the group entered into a settlement with MillerCoors over its caffeinated alcohol beverages, including Sparks Original, Sparks Light, and Sparks Plus. Both of the settlements required the subject companies to remove their alcohol energy drinks from the market. As a part of the Phusion investigation, we have issued an administrative subpoena on the company and the investigation is pending.

Google Safari

Mississippi participated in a $17 million multistate settlement with Google Inc. following consumer privacy concerns involving the company's setting of cookies on certain Safari Web browsers during 2011 and 2012. Mississippi's share of the settlement was $273,595.16. Use of the funds included, but is not limited to, civil penalties, attorneys' fees, costs, a consumer protection fund, or other uses at the sole discretion of the Attorney General.

Pursuant to the settlement, Google agreed to injunctive relief that requires it to do the following: Not deploy the type of code used here to override a browser's cookie blocking settings without the consumer's consent unless it is necessary to do so in order to detect, prevent or otherwise address fraud, security or technical issues; Not misrepresent or omit material information to consumers about how they can use any particular Google product, service, or tool to directly manage how Google serves advertisements to their browsers; improve the information it provides to consumers regarding cookies, their purposes, and how they can be managed by consumers using Google's products or services and tools, and maintain systems designed to ensure the expiration of the third-party cookies set on Safari Web browsers while their default settings had been circumvented.

Significant Investigations/Litigation

Pickwick Pines Resort

This is a Consumer Protection Act enforcement action which the Attorney General's Office started in December 2008 and was later removed to bankruptcy. The case concerns a bait and switch of terms when 200+ homeowners (mostly retired and on fixed incomes) purchased homes at the development. As a result, the Resort owner quadrupled homeowner fees and threatened to restrict access to their homes, if the homeowners do not pay, while also not providing the promised amenities and services. The State obtained an Agreed Order providing injunctive relief relating to the amount and use of homeowner fees and to the amenities and services provided. The Agreed Order also required $10,000 to be paid in 2014 by the owner of the Resort and to be used according to the Attorney General's discretion. Also, the Resort was required to pay $250,000 in costs to the Attorney General's Office; however, since the entity is in bankruptcy, this will be an unsecured creditor's claim.

Home Repair Fraud

John Jones pled to false pretense due to his work in a building contract. He was sentenced to seven years suspended and owes restitution in the amount of $7,555.27 and owes $1,000 to Attorney General's Investigative fund.

Michael Kergosien pled to five years non-adjudicated probation for Home Repair Fraud. He was sentenced to a $2,000 fine and $250 to Attorney General's Investigative Fund. He had already paid $47,500 in restitution to the victims.

Debra Watkins, the co-defendant pled to five years non-adjudicated probation for Home Repair Fraud, was sentenced to pay $250 to the Attorney General's Investigative Fund and a $1,000 fine.

Brad Dale Strong had previously pled to False Pretenses based upon a home repair job where checks from the homeowners were fraudulently obtained. The court sentenced Strong to five years of probation and $10,000 restitution in 2012. The court allowed Strong to remain on probation as long as he paid the required monthly restitution into the Court. After Strong ceased the required monthly payments, the Consumer Protection Division petitioned to have Strong's probation revoked. Once the Judge was convinced that Strong would not comply with the Court's orders, he revoked the entire probation requiring Strong to serve the remainder of his sentence, five years, in the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

James Helmes was sentenced after pleading guilty to one count of home repair fraud before the Harrison County Circuit Court. Helmes was sentenced to five years with three years suspended, meaning he will serve two years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. He was ordered to pay $10,000 in restitution and must serve three years on supervised probation following his release. The Attorney General's Office received the homeowners complaint in 2005 following Hurricane Katrina. Helmes did not return to his work site and finish the job, nor did he pay the contractors working on the job. Helmes was extradited to Mississippi from Louisiana where he was serving time for a separate crime.

Intellectual Property Crimes

Willie McMillian and Sophia Hill pled to sale and possession with intent to sell goods bearing counterfeit labels or trade-marks. McMillian was sentenced to five years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, with one year suspended. Additionally, McMillian must pay restitution in the amount of $1,550, $1,000 to cover investigative costs and must forfeit all items seized to the Attorney General's Office. Approximately $750,000 worth of counterfeit items were destroyed. Hill was sentenced to five years, five years suspended.

Stacy Aulbach pled guilty to the sale of counterfeit goods bearing counterfeit trade mark or label. Aulbach was sentenced to five years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections to be served on five years of post-release supervision. Alubach was fined $1,000, required to pay $2,000 to the Attorney General's Investigative fund and associated court costs.

Gloria Valley was indicted for the sale of goods bearing counterfeit labels or trademarks. She is currently awaiting trial.

Young Fu was indicted for Sale of Counterfeit Goods and Possession of Counterfeit Labels. He is currently awaiting trial.

Rocola Griffin was arrested and charged with the sale of counterfeit products. The case began with a general tip that lead to an undercover investigation involving the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, Homeland Security, ABC and the Senatobia Police Department operating through the Operation KOKO Task Force. Search warrants executed at the defendants home in Sardis and business on Highway 51 in Senatobia resulted in the confiscation of counterfeit products, controlled substances and a cache of weapons.

AG warns against scams related to natural disaster

Daily Times Leader 5/1/14

Other Significant Cases

Tracey Lynn Garner (formerly known as Morris Garner) was indicted on two separate counts of depraved heart murder.

Natasha Stewart a.k.a. Pebbelz, of Memphis, was found guilty by a Hinds County jury of culpable negligence manslaughter and conspiracy to commit manslaughter for her role in the death of an Atlanta, Georgia, resident who received injections of silicone during an illegal medical procedure in Jackson. Stewart was sentenced to 15 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections on one count of culpable negligence manslaughter with seven years to serve, eight suspended and three years supervised probation. On count two, conspiracy to commit manslaughter, Stewart was sentenced to five years behind bars and three years supervised probation to run concurrent to count one.

The Mississippi Optometry Board

The Mississippi Optometry Board had concerns because a large number of unlicensed cosmetic contact lenses were being sold in Mississippi. A sting investigation was conducted. The results are below:

- **Suncha Beech** plead guilty to one count of Sale of Corrective Contact Lenses without a License. He was fined $1,000 and forfeitured $409.
- **Chong Suk Heard** plead guilty to one count of Sale of Corrective Contact Lenses without a License. He was fined $1,000.
- **Jeong Hoon Hyun** plead guilty to one count of Sale of Corrective Contact Lenses without a License. He was fined $1,000. and forfeited $336.
- **Margaret Burns** plead guilty to one count of Sale of Corrective Contact Lenses without a License. She was fined $500.
- **Elle Mae Turner** plead guilty to one count of Sale of Corrective Contact Lenses without a License. She was fined $500.
- **Michael Yong Kang** plead guilty to one count of Sale of Corrective Contact Lenses without a License. He was fined $2,000 and forfeited $274.

AG destroys $750,000 in counterfeit goods

Chickasaw Journal 8/14/13

Criminal Litigation Division

2014 Criminal Litigation Accomplishments:

Appellate Section

- **Filed 267 briefs, 45 motions and responses in the Mississippi Supreme Court and Court of Appeals**
- **Won 88% of criminal cases filed**
- **Processed 106 extradictions**

Federal Habeaus Corpus Section

- **Filed 244 answers, briefs, motions and responses in the U.S. District Courts of Mississippi**
- **Obtained favorable results in all but two of the cases decided**

Death Penalty Section

- **Filed 43 briefs, responses and motions in the Mississippi Supreme Court, state trial courts, federal district courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**
- **Obtained favorable results in 100% of decisions**

The Criminal Division is comprised of some of the most experienced attorneys in state government. Because they rely so heavily on judicial precedent, these attorneys have a keen interest in the history as well as the future development of the law. All briefs filed by Criminal Division attorneys are carefully researched and precisely argued to ensure that lawful convictions and sentences are upheld by the courts.

The Criminal Division is divided into three sections: Appellate Section, Death Penalty Section and Federal Habeas Corpus Section. Attorneys in all three sections provide advice and research resources to fellow prosecutors, law enforcement officers and other public officials, as well as answer general information questions from the public on criminal matters. These attorneys also provide instruction at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy and at various seminars and conferences for public officials throughout the State of Mississippi.

Appellate Section

Appellate Section attorneys represent the state in all non-death penalty criminal appeals and other criminal proceedings in the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Mississippi Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States. This section is also responsible for reviewing all extraditions in which Mississippi is either the asylum or the demanding state.

During fiscal year 2014, among other various matters, attorneys in the Appellate Section filed 267 briefs, as well as 45 motions and responses in the Mississippi Supreme Court and the Mississippi Court of Appeals, winning approximately 88 percent of the criminal cases disposed of by the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. This section also processed 106 extraditions.

Death Penalty Section

The attorneys in the Death Penalty Section of the Criminal Division represent the State of Mississippi in all courts in defending judgments entered in cases in which the death penalty has been imposed. The attorneys in this section are also called upon to handle post-conviction evidentiary hearings in state circuit courts in death penalty cases.

Federal Habeas Corpus Section

The attorneys in the Federal Habeas Corpus Section of the Criminal Division represent the State of Mississippi in non-death penalty habeas corpus proceedings in all federal courts. During fiscal year 2014, the attorneys in the Section filed 224 answers, briefs, motions and responses in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Mississippi and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.



Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

2014 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Accomplishments:

- **Recovered $16,532,523.94 in restitution and civil penalties**
- **Indicted 51 individuals**
- **Received over 2,045 complaints of abuse, neglect or exploitation**
- **Convicted 47 individuals**
- **Provided 57 educational programs for health care faculty staff, civic clubs, health care associations and others**

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office has a two-fold mission: prosecuting Medicaid fraud committed by medical providers and prosecuting and/or assisting in the prosecution of the neglect, abuse and exploitation of vulnerable adults who are patients or residents in health care facilities. MFCU negotiated settlements with numerous providers whose misconduct (e.g., erroneous billing, etc.) had not risen to the level of criminal fraud, but which justified payment of restitution, civil penalties and/or investigative costs. MFCU recovered $16,532,523.94 in restitution and civil penalties from Medicaid providers through investigations and participation in global (multi-state) litigation.

MFCU received numerous allegations of provider fraud and opened several cases for criminal investigation. As a result of the MFCU investigation and prosecution, 51 individuals were indicted during fiscal year 2014. Over 2,045 complaints of abuse, neglect or exploitation in health care facilities were received by the MFCU. The unit reviewed and processed each complaint and obtained convictions of 47 individuals.

In addition to the criminal prosecution and civil litigation, MFCU provided 57 educational programs for health care facility staff, civic clubs, professional organizations, educational institutions, planning and development districts, law enforcement agencies and health care associations. With a total of 15 investigators assigned to the MFCU, the unit investigates allegations of neglect, abuse and exploitation of vulnerable adults and provider fraud throughout the State of Mississippi. MFCU investigators continue to assist local law enforcement agencies and local prosecutors in the peculiarities of prosecuting elder abuse. The state is still faced with an expansion of ever-evolving financial crimes against the elderly. MFCU will continue working with local law enforcement and federal agencies to address abuse, neglect and fraud.

Opinions and Local Government

2014 Opinions and Local Government Accomplishments:

- **Issued 453 official opinions**
- **Returned 86% of formal opinions within 30 days or less**
- **Spent over 5,000 hours giving advice by telephone and email and over 300 hours preparing and conducting seminars around the state**
- **Trained local officials in implementation of new laws passed by the legislature**

The Opinions and Local Government Division discharges one of the Attorney General's primary statutory duties-issuing legal opinions of the Office to state and local officials, boards, agencies and their attorneys. The Attorney General is the official Statutory Advisor to the Legislature. This division also reviews legislation that will potentially impact voting procedures or office holders in the state, submitting the same to the U.S. Justice Department, if required, and provides training and legal assistance to local officials.

In Fiscal Year 2014, we issued 453 official opinions. Of these, 86 percent were issued within 30 days after the request was received. As always, the great majority of these opinions were issued to local governments. These opinions dealt with every facet of government, including purchasing, personnel, taxing, budgeting, contracts, insurance, retirement, elections, separation of powers, solid waste, garbage, gaming, constitutional issues and many more. A total of seven opinions were issued to Legislators.

Support to State and Local Officials

The Opinions and Local Government Division is a primary source of support to public officials, public employees and the attorneys who represent them through training as well as direct advice. This section spent over 5,000 hours giving general advice by telephone or email in Fiscal Year 2014. Over 300 hours were spent in preparing and conducting seminars and programs across the state for local officials and their attorneys.

The Opinions Division provides year-round support to the Legislature and legislative staff, as well as to all agencies of state government. This support is manifested both in direct advice to agency officials and in assistance to other AG lawyers directly assigned to the agencies. Attorneys in this division also serve as hearing officers for state agencies.

Elections and the Voting Rights Act

This office handles all questions pertaining to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, including questions related to Section Five and Section 203 language minority compliance.

The Attorney General's Office participates in training sessions for election officials throughout the state. Training is conducted for circuit clerks, election commissioners and party executive committee members. This division works with the Office of the Secretary of State to enforce violations of campaign finance laws.

Open Meetings and Public Records

This Division helps public officials understand and comply with the open meetings and public records laws through continuing education programs, by responding to telephone inquiries from state and local officials, as well as from members of the public, and by working closely with the Mississippi Ethics Commission.



Prosecutors Training Division

2014 Prosecutors Training Division Accomplishments:

- **Provided training to over 1,015 prosecutors, investigators, victims assistance coordinators and check unit personnel**
- **Offered 53.5 hours of Continuing Legal Education to Mississippi Prosecutors**

The Prosecutors Training Division of the Attorney General's Office, in conjunction with the Mississippi Prosecutors Association, identifies, develops and implements training and resource programs for prosecutors within the State of Mississippi and their supporting personnel. In addition, this division monitors criminal law as it develops in our state legislature and alerts District Attorneys, City and County Attorneys, Youth Court Prosecutors and Assistant Attorneys General regarding criminal justice legislation.

Under the direction of Attorney General Hood, and the Mississippi Prosecutors Association, the curriculum and the number of classes continue to expand. Prosecutors Training offers two major statewide conferences every year for all prosecutors, with specialized training in up to six tracks ongoing at the same time. Each breakout track allows training sessions to target specific groups of prosecutors, i.e., youth court prosecutors, and often, narrowly tailored curriculum such as capital litigation training. Beyond prosecutors, we offer training for investigators, victims assistance coordinators, worthless check and pre-trial diversion units. Throughout the year, our Division offers smaller conferences such as a municipal prosecutor conference and a separate district attorney and assistant district attorney conference. Our conferences are held at no cost to prosecutors, with training funds covering speakers' fees, lodging, food and travel expenses. Training funds are also used to send prosecutors to out-of-state training opportunities.

The Mississippi Prosecutors Association is governed by a Board of Directors with District Attorney Patricia Burchell of the Twelfth Judicial District serving as President for 2014-2015. The Prosecutors Training Division consists of Director, Camala Wyatt and Assistant, Patty Pettis.

Prosecutors Training has worked diligently to provide knowledgeable speakers on timely topics to our members from the State of Mississippi, as well as national speakers. This year Prosecutors Training trained over 1,015 prosecutors, investigators, victims assistance coordinators and check unit personnel and offered 53.5 hours of Continuing Legal Education to Mississippi prosecutors.

The Division maintains a successful listserv to assist in the exchange of information between prosecutors and supporting personnel. This includes exchanging information on points of law, expert witnesses, national criminal justice trends and requests for assistance on various issues, as well as simple administrative announcements. Case updates from the United States Supreme Court, the Mississippi Supreme Court and the Mississippi Court of Appeals are sent out through the list server. The office also assists in conducting legal research as needed to include actual trial assistance.

To better equip our prosecutors and protect the residents of our state, the District Attorney State-Wide Automated Case Management System known as CRIMES has been developed and is undergoing the final roll-out stage of implementation in several districts. This system allows district attorneys' offices to communicate automatically with the Criminal Information Center (CIC) of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Our prosecutors will use this information to share pertinent information on criminals, make crucial charging decisions and track criminals in our state.

Conferences and Training

Separate specialized DA/ADA, Municipal and Youth Court Conferences: Every year, specialized conferences are held offering district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, municipal and youth court prosecutors training in criminal matters specific to each.

Fall and Spring Prosecutors Conference: Two main conferences offer classes for all prosecutors in the State and provide technical assistance to the district attorneys by offering training classes for criminal investigators, victim assistance coordinators, worthless check and pre-trial diverson personnel. Further, these conferences offer state and national case law updates and provides training for new and senior prosecutors.

District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney Summer Training: Prosecutors Training hosted a training for Mississippi's felony prosecutors centered on the prosecution of felony crimes. Classes ranged from Constitutional Issues, such as Fourth Amendment Search and Seizure, Indictments and Jury Instructions and Prosecutor Accountability.

Youth Court Seminar: The Prosecutors Training Division offered a day-long seminar providing continuing legal education and youth court hours to youth court prosecutors throughout the state. This year's seminar focused on current issues affecting Mississippi and the nation such as "Juvenile Detention Alternatives," "Children with Disabilities in the Justice System and the Impact on Role as Witness," "Victim and Defendant," and the "Uniform Rules of Youth Court Practice."

John R. Justice Grant

Prosecutors Training was awarded the JRJ grant for the fourth year. This funding is administered by the individual states and is an effort to encourage qualified attorneys to choose careers as prosecutors and public defenders and to continue in that service. It provides up to a yearly maximum of $10,000 in loan repayment for state prosecutors and public defenders. The aggregate maximum amount is $60,000. It covers loans made under the Higher Education Act of 1965, including consolidation loans. Repayment benefits for grant recipients are awarded by a selection committee to borrowers who agree to remain employed as prosecutors or public defenders for at least three years and exhibit the least ability to pay his or her education loans. The fourth disbursement occurred on September 30, 2014, to selected recipients.

Public Integrity Division

2014 Public Integrity Division Accomplishments:

- **Opened 76 investigations**
- **Received and worked through 1,299 complaints**
- **Obtained 14 convictions involving voter fraud, embezzlement and other crimes**
- **Secured nine arrests, indictments and/or removals from office**

The staff of attorneys and investigators in the Public Integrity Division (PID) are responsible for the prosecution of several types of criminal cases in the state courts of Mississippi. As its primary mission, PID is charged with the responsibility of investigating and prosecuting public corruption and white collar crime. PID works closely with various state agencies, such as the Auditor's Office and Secretary of State's Office, as well as with federal agencies and local law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of corrupt public employees or private citizens conducting business with the State in a fraudulent or otherwise illegal manner.

The Division provides assistance to local law enforcement officials, local prosecutors and the State's 22 district attorneys in the performance of their duties. Further, PID is charged with the responsibility of impaneling a statewide grand jury to investigate and prosecute large-scale drug violators. PID works with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics in investigating and prosecuting large-scale drug organizations through both criminal prosecution and civil forfeiture actions.

In addition to its primary mission, the Public Integrity Division includes several units charged with enforcing particular areas of law in this state, either independently or in conjunction with local law enforcement and prosecution: Public Integrity, Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, Child Desertion, Cyber Crime, DUI Training, Insurance Fraud and Vulnerable Adult.

CONVICTIONS

The following were charged, convicted and/or removed from office:

Stephanie Kelly, of Jackson, pleaded guilty to three counts of embezzlement before Judge William Chapman. Kelly was sentenced to 15 years, five suspended, with five to serve, and five years supervised probation on counts one and two, and 10 years, 10 suspended, five years supervised probation on count three. Kelly was ordered to pay $117,765 in restitution to Vocational Rehab, $12,976 in restitution to Potter's House Church, a $2,000 fine and court costs.

Dwight Gibson, of Natchez, was sentenced before Judge Forrest Johnson on five counts of false pretense. Gibson was sentenced to one year to serve on each count to run consecutively for a total of five years to serve and ordered to pay court costs.

Ashley Smith, of Oktibbeha County, pleaded guilty to four counts of embezzlement before Judge Lee Howard. Smith was sentenced to 40 years, 40 suspended, five years supervised probation and ordered to repay the embezzled funds and court costs.

Michael Steven Bullock, of Hattiesburg, pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to transfer a controlled substance on February 27, 2014, before Judge Anthony Mozingo. Bullock was sentenced to 20 years, five to serve, five years supervised probation and ordered to pay $5,000 in fines, $1,000 to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund and court costs.

Herbert Cocroft, of Sumrall, who assisted authorities in their investigation of Michael Steven Bullock was sentenced to five years with five suspended and five years supervised probation. Cocroft was ordered to pay $1,000 to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

LaGracha Amon Carter-Boyd, of Hazlehurst, pleaded guilty to one count of extortion on March 4, 2014, before Judge Lamar Pickard. Boyd was sentenced to five years, four suspended, one year house arrest and four years of probation. Boyd was ordered to pay a $1,500 fine, $1,000 to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund and court costs.

Melvin Carter, of Tunica, pleaded guilty to five counts of embezzlement on March 21, 2014, before Judge Charles Webster. Carter was sentenced to 10 years, five suspended, five years supervised probation, five years of unsupervised probation and ordered to repay $13,512.87 and $1,000 to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

Lanessa Smicker, of Hinds County, pleaded guilty to one count of Felony DUI on December 19, 2013, before Judge Jeff Will. Smicker was sentenced to three years, two years suspended, one year house arrest, and two years of supervised probation. Smicker was ordered to pay a $2,000 fine, $500 to Crime Victims Compensation Fund and complete A&D Treatment.

Angela Ivory, of Adams County, pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement on August 28, 2013, before Judge Lilly Blackmon. Ivory was sentenced to three years, three years suspended, three years supervised probation and ordered to pay $1,025 in restitution, $500 to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, a $500 fine and court costs.

Shelby Johnson, of Forrest County, pleaded guilty to one count of Felony Leaving the Scene of an Accident on January 6, 2014, before Judge Bob Helfrich. Johnson was sentenced to 10 years, eight years suspended, three years of post-release supervision, and ordered to pay a $1,500 fine and $100 to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

Jo Van Parkman, of Marion County, pleaded guilty to failure to keep proper records on November 18, 2013, before Judge Prentiss Harrell. Parkman was sentenced to six months of unsupervised probation.

Baraka Buckley, of Hinds County, pleaded guilty to simple assault on June 3, 2014, before Judge William Gowan. Buckley was sentenced to serve six months and ordered to pay $500 to Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

Antonio Wallace, of Hinds County, pleaded guilty to embezzlement on September 9, 2013, before Judge William Gowan. Wallace was sentenced to 10 years, five suspended and three years post-release supervision. Wallace was ordered to pay $1,000 to Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

Tammy Vance, of Lincoln County, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance on December 9, 2013, before Judge Michael Taylor. Vance was sentenced to serve five years and was given credit for time served.

Leigh Stubbs, of Lincoln County, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance on December 9, 2013, before Judge Michael Taylor. Stubbs was sentenced to serve five years and was given credit for time served.

Indictments/Arrests

- Marcus Taylor, Maurice Taylor and Leabrian Myers, of Pike County, were indicted on June 25, 2014, on two counts of conspiracy and business burglary.
- Marcus Jefferson, of Jones County was indicted on August 12, 2013, on one count of embezzlement.
- Kelvin Patrick, of Scott County, was indicted on one count of kidnapping and one count of attempted sexual battery on April 1, 2014.
- Kevin McKenzie, of Pike County, was indicted on June 27, 2014, on one count of False Pretense.
- Andrea Jones, of Coahoma County, was indicted on May 15, 2014, on six counts of prescription fraud.
- Kenneth McClenic, of Jackson County, was arrested on January 16, 2014, on one count of perjury.
- Aaron Russell, of Pearl River County, was indicted on February 5, 2014, on one count of making false entries and altering public records and one count of fraud committed in public office.
- Ashley Smith, of Oktibbeha County, was arrested on July 25, 2013, on one count of embezzlement.
- Lagracha Amon Carter-Boyd, of Hazlehurst, was arrested on February 7, 2014, on one count of extortion.



Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Division

2014 Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Division Accomplishments:

- **Conducted 4,733 tobacco enforcement checks and 6,577 beer enforcement checks throughout the state**
- **Trained approximately 318 retail manager and clerks statewide**

Tobacco and Beer Enforcement Checks

During the last fiscal year, the Division conducted 4,733 tobacco enforcement checks and 6,577 beer enforcement checks.

In June 2010 the Alcohol and Tobacco Division was issued a contract with the Food and Drug Administration to enforce the Federal Tobacco Laws. Because of our past efforts and existing program, we were the first state in the nation to be up and running under this contract.

Retailer Training

Recognizing that proper training of clerks is an important component in reducing the availability of age-restricted products to minors, the Division has continued to conduct retailer training sessions. The Division conducted 104 retailer training sessions with 318 retailer clerks in attendance.

Attorney General wears many hats in crime fight

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Overall Statistics for Alcohol and Tobacco Unit

Tobacco Compliance Checks

Year	Number of Checks	Buy Rate
2005	7,889	6%
2006	7,742	4%
2007	5,665	5%
2008	5,172	5%
2009	8,222	4%
2010	7,418	4%
2011	6,489	5%
2012	9,043	5%
2013	10,404	2%
2014	4,733	3%

The first month that this Division conducted tobacco compliance checks, the buy rate was 38 percent.

Beer Compliance Checks

Year	Number of Checks	Buy Rate
2005	7,068	8%
2006	6,578	5%
2007	5,604	7%
2008	4,627	8%
2009	6,913	5%
2010	7,121	3%
2011	3,823	3%
2012	6,202	3%
2013	6,194	4%
2014	6,577	4%

The first month that this Division conducted beer compliance checks, the buy rate was 26 percent.

Child Desertion Unit

2014 Child Desertion Unit Accomplishments:

- **Received approximately 250 complaints**
- **Opened 18 new investigations**
- **Obtained 10 indictments and two convictions against deadbeat parents**

Convictions

Daryl Spann pleaded guilty on January 9, 2014, in the Hinds County Circuit Court to felony child desertion for the failure to pay child support in the amount of approximately $15,000. Under Judge Jeff Weill, Sr., Spann was sentenced to five years imprisonment with five years suspended on unsupervised probation, non-adjudicated. He is required to pay a monthly amount until the arrearages are paid in full within the five years.

Otis Qualls pleaded guilty on October 14, 2013, in the Scott County Circuit Court to felony child desertion for the failure to pay child support in the amount of approximately $8,000. Under Judge Vernon Cotton, Qualls was sentenced to five years imprisonment with five years suspended on unsupervised probation, non-adjudicated. He is required to pay a monthly amount until the arrearages are paid in full within the five years.

Indictments

- Kevin Craft was indicted in Scott County on August 5, 2013.
- Leonard J. Brown was indicted in Jackson County on October 15, 2013.
- Crystal Baca was indicted in Harrison County on October 31, 2013.
- Timothy Campbell was indicted in Rankin County on December 5, 2013.
- Marcus Ball was indicted in Jefferson Davis County on March 11, 2014.
- Marcus Boyles was indicted in Bolivar County on March 25, 2014.
- Michael House was indicted in Smith County on April 14, 2014.
- John K. Fields was indicted in Forrest County on May 7, 2014.
- Richard Shields was indicted in Rankin County on June 5, 2014.
- John A. Johnson was indicted in Rankin County on June 5, 2014.

Cyber Crime Unit

2014 Cyber Crime Unit Accomplishments:

- **Opened 108 new cases**
- **Obtained 10 convictions**

The forensics lab under ICAC standards performed 351 examinations on 55 separate requests for a total of approximately 67 terra bytes of data that were analyzed including the following media: 80 computers, 52 cellular devices, 97 other external media and 122 optical disks.

The Mississippi Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Cyber Crime Unit is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary agency covering 82 counties. The unit is dedicated to its mission of 1) proactive and reactive investigations, 2) the forensic analyses of electronic evidence, 3) the prosecutions of technological crimes against children and 4) the education of law enforcement and the public. The Internet Crimes Against Children section of the unit (ICAC) implements strategies for the detection of internet crimes against children by engaging in on-line undercover operations, conducting on-line peer precision searches of ongoing criminal activity, and by expanding technical assistance to law enforcement and prosecutors. The ICAC teaches and mentors law enforcement students in its training facility that connects 16 laptops to the Internet simultaneously.

Since the ICAC unit was established with the 2007 Department of Justice award, the unit now has 64 local, state and federal law enforcement affiliate agencies and multi-disciplinary partners which include the Office of District Attorney Ninth Circuit Court District, Office of District Attorney Nineteenth Circuit Court District, Office of District Attorney Eleventh Circuit Court District, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Alcorn County Sheriff's Office, Bay St. Louis Police Department, Biloxi Police Department, Brandon Police Department, Brooksville Police Department, Cleveland Police Department, Coahoma County Sheriff's Department, Columbus Police Department, Copiah County Sheriff's Office, D'Iberville Police Department, Desoto County Sheriff's Office, D'Iberville Police Department, Florence Police Department, Forrest County Sheriff's Department, Fulton Police Department, George County Sheriff's Office, George County School District Police Department, Greenwood Police Department, Guntown Police Department, Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Harrison County Sheriff's Office, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Horn Lake Police Department, Itawamba County Sheriff's Office, Iuka Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office, Laurel Police Department, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Long Beach Police Department, Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, Madison Police Department, Meridian Police Department, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Moss Point Police Department, Newton Police Department, Ocean Springs Police Department, Oktibbeha County Sheriff's Office, Olive Branch Police Department, Petal Police Department, Picayune Police Department, Prentiss County Sheriff's Office, Rankin County Sheriff's Office, Richland Police Department, Ridgeland Police Department, Ripley Police Department, Southaven Police Department, Stone County Sheriff's Office, Tate County Sheriff's Office, Tupelo Police Department, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Waveland Police Department, West Point Police Department, Union County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Department of Justice, Northern District and U.S. Department of Justice, Southern District.

AG Hood offers online safety campaign

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Cases in which a live child is at the home or where there is evidence of physical abuse of a child take priority in the forensics lab. Unfortunately, analysts are finding that offenders who share files in open networks are more sophisticated than earlier offenders who only chatted and sent webcam pictures; file sharing offenders store their collections of child pornography on thumb drives, in hard drives with terabyte storage capacity, or wipe their drives. The amount of media to be examined on a case, increases the amount of time needed to analyze the data for prosecution.

Education Efforts

With the rise in criminal activity on the Internet, the Office of the Attorney General has made it a priority to educate Mississippians about the dangers of cybercrime. The safety of children on the Internet is seen as a matter of critical importance, and Attorney General Jim Hood has devoted the resources of his office to insure that Mississippi's children will be safe from Internet predators.

Educational seminars, speeches, professional trainings are offered across the state by professionals in the Cyber Crime Unit of the office. In addition, the Cyber Crime Unit houses the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force whose mission is to investigate and prosecute those who prey upon Mississippi's children using computer and Internet technology. In an effort to reach adults and children with critical messages about Internet safety, members of the ICAC unit have traveled across the state making presentations to civic, school and church groups, as well as training professionals on the dangers inherent in technology.

In the fiscal year 2014, members of the ICAC Unit made 125 presentations across the state educating people on the critical issue of online child exploitation. Internet safety presentations were given to 11,407 people including students, adults, members of law enforcement and other professionals.

Topics covered in the various trainings included Internet Safety (for children, tweens, teens and adults), Cybercrime, Cyberbullying, Sexting, Computer Forensics, Online Grooming, Child and Adolescent Vulnerabilities to Online Crime, Illegal Downloads, and Human Trafficking. With the passage of the new bullying law, the cyber unit will train teachers and students on alternative ways of combating bullying and cyber bullying.

Attorney General Hood has served as co-chairman of the technology committee for NAAG. In that capacity he has lead the conversations with other Attorneys General, Internet Service Providers and social network representatives. He is particularly concerned about children on the Internet and the lack of parental controls.

Convictions

Cameron Tyler Dodds, age 19, was sentenced by Judge Joseph H. Loper, Jr. of Montgomery County Circuit Court, after entering an open plea of guilty on October 3, 2013, to one count of child exploitation. Dodds was sentenced to five years, suspended; five years supervised probation; $50,000.00 fine, with $49,000.00 suspended; and must register as a sex offender.

Jerry Farley, age 40, was sentenced by Judge Tomie Green of Hinds County Circuit Court to 10 years in custody on three counts, counts to run concurrently, and the 10 years suspended. Judge Green will retain jurisdiction for one year. Farley was sentenced to house arrest for one year and is to continue treatment at Bridge to Recovery in Hattiesburg. He must pay $2,000 to the victims' compensation fund, $250 for investigative costs and serve 15 years of post-release probation with no contact with anyone under the age of 16 without an adult being present. Before March 12, 2015, the defendant must appear before Judge Green with an evaluation from Bridge to Recovery for review and must register as a sex offender.

Hunter Richardson Howell, age 30, appeared before Special Circuit Judge William Andrews III and pled guilty to one count of child exploitation in Lamar County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 10 years with five years to serve, five years suspended and five years post-release probation. He must pay $1,000 to the crime victims' compensation fund, all court costs and register as a sex offender.

Michael Ishee, age 48, of Saucier, was sentenced in Harrison County Circuit Court by Judge Lisa Dodson for one count possession of child porn following Ishee's guilty plea. Ishee was sentenced to 20 years behind bars, 12 years to serve in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. He must also register as a sex offender, pay a $10,000 fine, $1,000 to the Mississippi children's trust fund and $300 to the crime victim compensation fund.

Robert Shawn Sumrall, age 29, of Purvis, appeared before Special Circuit Judge Andrews and pled guilty to one count of child exploitation in Lamar County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 10 years with five years to serve, five years suspended and five years post-release probation. He must pay $1,000 to the crime victim compensation fund, all court costs and register as a sex offender.

Michael Craig Osborn, age 44, of Gulfport, pled guilty to two counts of child exploitation in Harrison County Circuit Court, but prior to sentencing, he committed suicide.

Roger Wigginton, age 69, of Monroe County, appeared before Judge Paul Funderburk and entered an open plea (placing himself at the mercy of the court) to the charges of child exploitation/possession of child porn against him. Judge Funderburk sentenced the defendant to 40 years, with five years to serve and five years post-release supervision. He must also pay a $1,000 fine and $2,000 to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund and register as a sex offender upon his release.

Thomas Williamson, age 66, of Brandon, appeared before Judge John H. Emfinger in Rankin County Circuit Court and pled guilty to two counts of child exploitation. He admitted to possession of over 100 images of child porn on his home computer. Williamson was sentenced to 10 years on each count, with each count running concurrently, with five to serve, five suspended and five years post-release probation, He must also pay $1,000 to the crime victim compensation fund, all court costs and register as a sex offender.

Indictments

- Billy Wayne Cobb, 43, Yalobusha County, two counts child exploitation
- Travis Austin Arnold, 29, Forrest County, three counts child exploitation
- Charles Michael English, 60, Jones County, two counts child exploitation
- Nicholas Garrett, 28, Hinds County, 10 counts child exploitation
- Robert Hinger, 48, Jackson County, five counts child exploitation
- James Mark House, 46, Itawamba County, two counts child exploitation
- Hunter Richardson Howell, 31, Lamar County, one count child exploitation
- Rio Jeffries, 25, Marshall County, one count child exploitation
- Justin Kennedy, 25, Pearl River County, two counts child exploitation
- John Matherne, 40, Pike County, four counts child exploitation
- Thomas Andrew Opiela, 61, Hinds County, two counts child exploitation
- Edwin Dean Pauly, 59, Pearl River County, four counts child exploitation
- Robert Shawn Sumrall, 29, Lamar County, three counts child exploitation

DUI Unit

2014 DUI Unit Accomplishments:

- **Conducted DUI Basic Training and Rules of the Road to five classes, approximately 165 officers**
- **Participated in 14 Standardized Field Sobriety Testing classes and approximately 272 officers went through the training**
- **Provided DUI training to more than 1,500 judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers**
- **Participated in nine Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement classes and taught the legal portion of the training to approximately 74 officers**

The DUI Unit is part of the Public Integrity Division (PID) of the Office of the Attorney General of Mississippi. The unit is staffed by one attorney, an office assistant and two part-time legal interns. The Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) operates under a federal grant from the Office of Highway Safety/Department of Public Safety Division of Public Safety Planning. The purpose of the TSRP is to serve as a prosecutor, a resource and a liaison, while also providing technical legal assistance and training to all the State's prosecutors, law enforcement officers and judges.

The TSRP coordinates the training of all state prosecutors on traffic safety issues, primarily DUI prosecutions, and provides legal assistance on matters related to such cases. Such assistance includes, but is not limited to: assisting with pre-trial investigations; upon request, serving as lead or second chair or assisting in the prosecution of DUI, vehicular homicide, DUI Death or DUI Maiming court cases; researching and writing motions and briefs; drafting DUI legislation; writing and updating the DUI Manual; and preparing a bi-annual newsletter regarding "hot topic" issues of highway safety. The TSRP also coordinates joint training of prosecutors with their local law enforcement officers by collaborating with the Mississippi Law Enforcement Liaison's Office. The TSRP is available daily to prosecutors, law enforcement, and judges should the need for assistance in DUI and traffic-related cases arise. On average, the DUI Unit handles approximately six or more technical/legal calls daily regarding DUI cases or DUI/traffic-related issues from across the state. Some of the information given is on blood draws, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Drug Evaluations, non-DRE drug cases, PBT use, use/non-use of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFSTs), ignition interlocks, Daubert issues in blood cases, reasonable suspicion to stop, urine/blood draw warrants, breath test refusal, predicate questions for prosecutors, checkpoint issues, "margin of error" for testing instruments and calibration issues on testing instruments. Additionally, the TSRP received the assistance of the national TSRP network and the National Traffic Law Center when necessary, most notably, when seeking information on defense expert witnesses.

The TSRP works with all the state's law enforcement agencies, including the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, to provide assistance in DUI/traffic-related issues. When a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Cadet School is scheduled, the TSRP spends at least one full day instructing on Basic DUI law and courtroom testimony preparation.

The TSRP teaches on a regular basis at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy to the Basic Recruit Class. During the 2013 and 2014 fiscal years, the TSRP conducted DUI Basic Training and Rules of the Road to three classes totaling approximately 165 officers. Additionally, the TSRP provides testimony training to law enforcement officers in conjunction with every Standardized Field Sobriety Testing class provided and taught by the Mississippi Law Enforcement Liaison's Office. The TSRP participated in 14 SFST classes, and approximately 272 officers went through this training this past year. A.R.I.D.E, which stands for Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement, is another training offered to law enforcement officers that lasts two days and focuses on DUI Drug cases. The TSRP participated in nine A.R.I.D.E. classes and taught the legal portion of the training, which included providing relevant DUI drug case law to approximately 74 officers.

In 2008, Mississippi became the 45th Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) state (there are currently 49 DRE states with West Virginia currently in process to become one). A DRE is a highly effective officer skilled in the detection and identification of persons impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. A DRE is trained to conduct a systematic and standardized 12-step evaluation consisting of physical, mental and medical components. Currently, Mississippi has 41 Drug Recognition Experts across the state. (Mississippi's 4th DRE School was held August 18-31, 2013.)

The TSRP works in conjunction with the Mississippi Judicial College (MJC) to provide legal training and case law updates on DUI and traffic related issues to our judges statewide. The TSRP and MJC completed and published the Mississippi DUI Benchbook, a DUI manual to assist judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers. The unit is currently in the process of updating the manual.

The TSRP also participated in numerous traffic safety organizations and trainings both statewide and nationally. These include, the MS Association of Highway Safety Leaders, S.T.O.R.M. (Sobriety Trained Officers Representing Mississippi), National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities (Lifesavers), and the Int'l Assoc. of Chiefs of Police Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving.



In the past fiscal year, the TSRP provided DUI training to approximately 1,500 judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers. Some of the TSRP's activities, included, but were not limited to, the following:

• **14 Cops in Court Trainings statewide** at the Law Enforcement Liaison Office's Standardized Field Sobriety Training classes. These trainings involved basic DUI law, as well as mock trial stimulations and courtroom preparation.

• **Five A.R.I.D.E. (Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement) Trainings-** This two day training focused on drug-related DUIs, including a review of Mississippi's DUI statute and relevant caselaw.

• **Three Basic DUI Law and Rules of the Road to Basic Recruit Classes** at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy in Rankin County.

• **Basic DUI In-Service Training for Brandon Police Department & Other Law Agencies** at the Brandon Municipal Complex in Brandon.

• **Provided legal updates on recent DUI and Traffic-Related Case Law** at fall and spring Prosecutors conferences

• **Prosecuting the Drugged Driver** at the Mississippi Spring Prosecutors' Conference was provided as a separate one day break-out training to prosecutors and law enforcement officers.

• **Provided Legal Updates on Upcoming Changes to the DUI Laws** at Mississippi Judicial College's Justice Court Judges Summer Conferences.

• **Provided Legal Updates on Recent DUI and Traffic-Related Case Law and Upcoming Changes to DUI Law** at Mississippi Judicial College's Summer Municipal Judges Seminar

• **Provided Legal Updates on Recent DUI and Traffic-Related Case Law and Upcoming Changes to DUI Law** at Mississippi Municipal League Conference to Prosecutors and Clerks.

• **Drafted Two Upcoming Editions** of the DUI Newsletter, ***DRIVEN***

• **Updated the Mississippi DUI Benchbook-** a DUI Manual for judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers

• **Gave presentations on underage drinking and DUIs** in youth court to Lafayette County schools.

Insurance Fraud Unit

2014 Insurance Fraud Unit Accomplishments:

- **Recovered $325,910.84 from fees and restitutions**
- **Received 88 complaints**
- **Conducted 110 active insurance fraud/workers compensation investigations**

The Insurance Integrity Enforcement Bureau (IIEB) has completed an active year of investigation and prosecution throughout the state, encountering both criminal defendants and victims from all walks of life. Over the last fiscal year, the IIEB has had strong positive interaction with the National Insurance Crime Bureau, as well as numerous local, state and federal entities in the course of fighting fraud within the state of Mississippi. Below is a brief synopsis of our activity during the last fiscal year.

Convictions

Vickie Tucker appeared in Hinds County Circuit Court on July 9, 2013, and entered a plea of guilty to one count of False Pretense.

Lavon Donnell Cherry appeared in Harrison County Circuit Court on June 3, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud. He was sentenced to three years with credit for time served and the balance suspended to be followed by one year of post-release supervision. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine, $300 to the Mississippi Crime Victim's Compensation Fund and court costs.

Kirsten Smith appeared in Neshoba County Circuit Court on April 14, 2014, and entered a plea to a charge of Insurance Fraud by virtue of a Criminal Bill of Information. Smith was placed in a non-adjudicated status for a term of five years in the constructive custody of the Mississippi Department of Correction. Three years of said non-adjudicated sentence are suspended, leaving Smith two years to serve on non-adjudicated supervised probation. Subject to successful completion of the non-adjudicated two-year probation sentence, the defendant will then be placed on three years of non-adjudicated unsupervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: $5,483.56 in restitution to State Farm Insurance, $935 of reimbursement to the State General Fund for investigative cost and court costs.

Eric Long appeared in Grenada County Circuit Court on April 4, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud. Long was sentenced to serve three years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. He was given credit for time served, the balance is suspended; and he shall be placed on post-release supervision for a term of two years with the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The sentence is to run consecutive to any sentence defendant is currently serving. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $1,000 fine, $434.50 in court costs and $1,000 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Gregory Henderson appeared in Harrison County Circuit Court on March 18, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud. Henderson was sentenced to three years with one year suspended, leaving two years to serve in an intensive supervision program (house arrest). The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $1,000 fine and court cost, $6,764.31 in restitution to Nationwide Insurance Company and $50 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Kenneth Anderson appeared in Harrison County Circuit Court on March 18, 2014, for a revocation hearing. The petition to revoke his suspended sentence was filed following Anderson being indicted on Conspiracy, Insurance Fraud and Wire Fraud. After hearing testimony, Anderson was sentenced to 15 years to serve in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Correction.

Timothy Markris Jones appeared in Harrison County Circuit Court on March 17, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of insurance fraud. Jones was sentenced to three years with one year suspended, leaving two years to serve in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $5,000 fine ($4,500 was suspended leaving him to pay $500 and court costs), $7,086.18 restitution to Nationwide Insurance Company, $50 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and $1,020 of reimbursement to the Mississippi State General Fund for the cost of the investigation.

Keshia Sanders appeared in Harrison County Circuit Court on March 17, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud. Sanders was to a three-year suspended sentence and placed her on three years of supervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $1,000 fine with $750 suspended, leaving her to pay $250, $50 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, $5,000 in restitution to Nationwide Insurance Company, $50 of reimbursement to the Mississippi State General Fund for the cost of the investigation and court costs.

Johnny Lewis appeared in Harrison County Circuit Court on March 17, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Insurance Fraud. Lewis was sentenced to a five year suspended sentence and placed him on supervised probation for five years. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $1,000 fine with $750 suspended leaving him to pay $250 and court cost, $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, $7,078.24 in restitution to Nationwide Insurance Company, $5,912.37 in restitution to Geico Insurance Company, $3,456.22 in restitution to Allstate Insurance Company and $2,735 in reimbursement to the Mississippi State General Fund for the cost of the investigation.

Areva Michelle Hopkins Dubose appeared in Choctaw County Circuit Court on February 24, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud and one count of Wire Fraud. Dubose was sentenced as follows: Count I: Three years suspended sentence; Count II: Five years suspended sentence; consecutive to Count II. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $1,000 fine and court costs, $1,505 in reimbursement to the State General Fund the cost of the investigation and $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Jentry Townes appeared in Monroe County Circuit Court on February 19, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud and one count of Wire Fraud. Townes was sentenced as follows: Count I: Three years suspended sentence; Count II: Five years suspended sentence; consecutive to Count II. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine and court cost, $2,480 in reimbursement to the State General Fund for the cost of the investigation and $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Roshenna Morrisette appeared in Harrison County Circuit Court on February 17, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of insurance fraud. Morrisette was sentenced to a three-year suspended sentence and placed her on supervised probation for three years. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $1,000 fine and court cost, $5,429.21 in restitution to Nationwide Insurance Company, $2,300 to reimburse the State of Mississippi's General Fund for the cost of the investigation and $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Krystal Williams appeared in Harrison County Circuit Court on February 17, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud. Williams was sentenced to three years to serve in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. It was ordered that she be given credit for the time already served, suspend the balance of the three years and place her on supervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $1,000 fine and court costs, $8,105.20 in restitution to Nationwide Insurance Company, $3,250 to reimburse the State of Mississippi's General Fund for the cost of the investigation and $300 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Ashley Robertson appeared in Desoto County Justice Court on January 7, 2014, and pled guilty to one count of misdemeanor False Pretense. Robertson was sentenced to a 90 day suspended sentence with six months of unsupervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $100 fine and $247.75 in court costs.

Dana Aikens appeared in Hancock County Circuit Court on November 21, 2013, and pled guilty to two counts of Insurance Fraud and was sentenced as to Count I: three years suspended sentence, Count II: two years suspended sentence. Count I and II will run consecutive to each other and also consecutive to the following charges that were prosecuted by the Hancock County District Attorney's Office- Accessory after the fact to armed robbery: four years as a habitual offender (not eligible for parole or early release.) and Felony band check: three years as a habitual offender (also not eligible for parole or early release.) Each of the above offenses will run consecutive to each other as well as consecutive to the insurance fraud charges prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office, Count II: Combined sentence for Dana Aikens: twelve years with five years suspended, leaving seven years to serve as a habitual offender (she will have to serve the seven years day-for-day). Upon release she will be placed on five years of supervision and as a condition of her post release supervision she will be required to pay all court cost and restitution in all causes. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: $1,135.51 in restitution to Geico Insurance Company and $1,123.48 in restitution to Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

Oliver Johnson appeared in Washington County Circuit Court on November 12, 2013, with an open plea to two counts of Insurance Fraud and sentenced to serve a term of three years in custody of Mississippi Department of Corrections with six months of supervised probation followed by two and one-half years post-release supervision. The defendant was ordered to pay $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and court costs.

Lajarrence J. Standfield appeared in Chickasaw County Circuit Court on October 7, 2013, and pled guilty to fraudulent use of an insurance card. Standfield was sentenced to serve one year house arrest, reimburse the MS attorney General's Office and pay all court costs associated with Chickasaw County Circuit Court. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: $583.50 in court costs and $900 in reimbursement to the State of Mississippi's General Fund for the cost of the investigation.

Pamela Gail Fewell, a.k.a. Pamela Parker, appeared in Chickasaw County Circuit Court on October 7, 2013, and pled guilty to one count of fraudulent use of an insurance card and one count of Wire Fraud. Fewell was sentenced to a five year suspended sentence on Count I, a five year suspended sentence on Count II with five years of supervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine, $433.50 in court cost, $900 for reimbursement to the State of Mississippi's General Fund for the cost of the investigation and $100 to the Mississippi Victims' Compensation Fund.

Robert L. Polk appeared in Chickasaw Circuit Court on October 8, 2013, and pled guilty to one count of fraudulent use of an insurance card. Polk was sentenced to five years of supervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine, $533.50 in court costs, $1,000 for an indigent defense fee and $900 to reimburse the State of Mississippi's General Fund for the cost of the investigation.

Demiko Smith appeared in Adams County Circuit Court on September 13, 2013, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud. Smith rejected the State's recommended sentence of one year in the intensive supervision program. The Judge withheld acceptance of the plea and pursuant to MCA Section 99-15-26 (non-adjudication statute) placed defendant on two years of supervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine and court costs, $2,200.55 in restitution to Progressive Insurance Company, $2,115 of reimbursement to the State of Mississippi's General Fund for the cost of the investigation and $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

Willie Jones appeared in Adams County Circuit Court on September 13, 2013, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud. Jones rejected the State's recommended sentence of one year in the intensive supervision program. The Judge withheld acceptance of the plea and pursuant to MCA Section 99-15-26 (non-adjudication statute) placed defendant on two years of supervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine and court costs, $2,200.55 in restitution to Progressive Insurance Company, $2,115.00 of reimbursement to the State of Mississippi's General Fund for the cost of the investigation and $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

Jimmy Dale Redwine appeared in Desoto County Circuit Court on September 09, 2013, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud. The Judge sentenced Redwine to three years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections with credit for time served and placed him on two years of post-release supervision. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine and court costs, $528.08 in restitution to Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation.

John Barnes appeared in Hinds County Circuit Court on August 22, 2013, and pled guilty to misdemeanor False Pretense. The defendant was ordered to pay $3,317.50 in restitution to Travelers Claims Hartford Auto.

Indictments/Arrests

Diane Robinson, 43, of Biloxi, was arrested on June 5, 2014, by the Mississippi Department of Corrections following indictment by a Harrison County Grand Jury on one count of Insurance Fraud, one count of Conspiracy to Commit Insurance Fraud, and one count of Wire Fraud.

Paulina Wilkerson, 40, of Pass Christian, turned herself in to authorities on March 19, 2014, at the Harrison County Detention Center following an indictment by a Harrison County Grand Jury on one count of Insurance Fraud and one count of Wire Fraud.

Areva Michelle Hopkins Dubose waived indictment, and pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud and two counts of Wire Fraud on February 19, 2014.

Latoya White-Harris, 36, of Waynesboro, turned herself in to Mississippi Attorney General's Office investigators of the Insurance Integrity Unit at the Wayne County Sheriff's office on February 5, 2014, following an indictment by the Wayne County Grand Jury on one count of Insurance Fraud.

Rosemary Henderson, 47, of Biloxi, was arrested by Mississippi Attorney General's Office investigators of the Insurance Integrity Unit on December 13, 2013, following an indictment for one count of Insurance Fraud, one count of Wire Fraud and one count of Conspiracy.

Lavon Donnell Cherry, 36, was arrested by Mississippi Attorney General's Office investigators of the Insurance Integrity Unit on December 13, 2013, following an indictment by a Harrison County Grand Jury on one count of Conspiracy, one count of Insurance Fraud and one count of Wire Fraud.

Johnny Lewis, 30, of Biloxi, was arrested by Mississippi Attorney General's Office investigators of the Insurance Integrity Unit on December 13, 2013, following an indictment by a Harrison County Grand Jury on one count of Conspiracy, one count of Insurance Fraud and one count of Wire Fraud.

Shayan Charad was arrested by Mississippi Attorney General's Office investigators of the Insurance Integrity Unit on September 10, 2013, following an indictment by a Desoto County Grand Jury on one count of Insurance Fraud.

Phillip Willis, 46, of Philadelphia, was arrested by the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office on September 19, 2013, following an indictment by a Neshoba County Grand Jury on three counts of False Pretense.

Oliver Johnson, age 31, of Greenville, was arrested by the Washington County Sheriff's Office on September 16, 2013, following an indictment on three counts of Insurance Fraud.

Workers' Compensation Fraud Convictions

Isaac Benard Lee was accepted into the Pike County Pretrial Intervention Program on October 10, 2013, for a period of three years. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine, $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, $6,799.09 in restitution to Chartis Insurance Company, $2,827.50 in reimbursement to the State General Fund for the cost of the investigation, $416.50 court costs and $2,700 to the Pike County District Attorney's Office.

John Steele appeared in Rankin County Circuit Court on September 16, 2013, for a previously entered open plea to one count of false pretense. The Judge withheld acceptance of the plea and pursuant to MCA Section 99-15-26 (non-adjudication statute) and placed Mr. Steele on five years of supervised probation. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine and court costs, $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, $1,085 in restitution to the victim, $750 in reimbursement to the State General Fund for the cost of the investigation.

Alisa Nealy-Salonica appeared in Marion County Circuit Court on February 2, 2014, and was accepted into the Marion County Pretrial Intervention Program for a period of three years. The defendant was ordered to pay the following: a $500 fine, $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, $4,570.40 in restitution to Chartis Insurance Company, $1,500 as reimbursement to the State General Fund for the cost of the investigation, $421.50 in court costs and $100 to the Marion County District Attorney's Office for administrative fees.

Workers' Compensation Fraud Indictments

Alisa Lynn Nealy Salonica, 41, of Gulfport, was arrested July 22, 2013, following indictment by a Marion County Grand Jury for two counts of Workers' Compensation Fraud.

David Myrick Cox, age 55, of Louin, turned himself in to investigators of the Attorney General's Insurance Integrity Unit on September 9, 2013, (at the Jasper County Sheriff's office) following indictment by the Jasper County Grand Jury on one count of Workers' Compensation Fraud.

John Willis Steele, 41, of Byram, was arrested July 22, 2013, following the indictment on one count of False Pretense by a Rankin County Grand Jury.

Bernard Lee, 51, of Magnolia, was arrested July 22, 2013, following the indictment by a Pike County Grand Jury on two counts of Workers' Compensation Fraud.

Restitution in Insurance Fraud Cases

State General Fund for the cost of the investigation	$26,020
Restitution (Mississippi Attorney General's Office, Nationwide Insurance, Geico Insurance, Allstate)	$265,871.60
Mississippi Crime Victims Compensation Fund	$2,450
Indigent Defense Fee	$1,000
Fines and Court Cost	$11,599.25
	$306,940.85

Restitution in Workers' Compensation Fraud Cases:

State General Fund for the cost of the investigation	$5,077.50
Mississippi Crime Victims Compensation Fund	$300
Restitution	$15,254.49
Fines and Court Cost	$2,338
	$22,969.99

Vulnerable Adults Unit

2014 Vulnerable Adults Unit Accomplishments:

- **Recovered $159,167.33 in restitution to victims and $1,170 in investigation cost to the Attorney General's Office**
- **Received 2,450 complaints**
- **Opened 195 new cases and have 63 active cases in criminal investigations**
- **142 cases resolved and/or closed through prosecution**
- **Obtained 11 convictions and 20 indictments**

Convictions

The following were charged and/or convicted of various crimes:

Sonja Lanahan pleaded guilty in Montgomery County on March 26, 2013, to one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. She was sentenced to a non-adjudicated sentence and ordered to pay $210.75 for court costs, on the date of the plea. (Prosecution handled by the District Attorney's Office in Montgomery County. Sentencing order was not received until after the start of the new fiscal year, and as such, this information was not made public in the previous fiscal year stats.)

Sara Laster pleaded guilty in Montgomery County on March 26, 2013, to one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. She was sentenced to five years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections with five years suspended. She was ordered to pay $80,000 in restitution to the victim's estate and $320.75 in court costs, all to be paid on the date of the plea. (Prosecution handled by the District Attorney's Office in Montgomery County. Sentencing order was not received until after the start of the new fiscal year, and as such, this information was not made public in the previous fiscal year stats.)

Deloris Gordon pleaded guilty in Forrest County on December 12, 2013, to one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. She was sentenced to 10 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections with the first year in intensive supervised probation. Upon successful completion of the intensive supervised probation, the balance of her sentence will be suspended and she will be placed on four years of post-release supervision. She was ordered to pay a fine of $500, an assessment of $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victim's Compensation Fund; restitution to the AGO Vulnerable Adult Unit for investigative costs recovery in an amount of $585, restitution to the victim in the amount of $10,109.85 and all costs of the court.

Tiffany Harlow was accepted into the Lee County Pretrial Intervention Program for a period of two years. As part of her supervision, she has been ordered to pay $100 to the Mississippi Crime Victim's Compensation Fund, $120 in restitution to AT&T Universal Card Services, $1,369.87 in restitution to Discover Card Services, $585 in restitution to the Attorney General's Vulnerable Adult Unit for the costs of the investigation, $2,400 to the Office of the District Attorney for the 1st Circuit Court District for administrative costs and $386.50 for court costs.

Lena McGuire pleaded guilty in Jasper County on February 4, 2014, to two counts of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. She was sentenced to 10 years on count one; 10 years on count two; concurrent to count one - all in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. She was ordered to pay $23,496 in restitution to the victim, $451.50 in court costs, a $100 assessment to the Mississippi Crime Victim's Compensation Fund and a $500 fine.

Thunder Willis pleaded guilty in Leake County on September 4, 2013, to one count of sexual battery of a vulnerable person. He was sentenced to 10 years in the custody of Mississippi Department of Corrections. He was ordered to undergo alcohol and drug treatment, attend sex offender counseling and to complete the GED program while in Mississippi Department of Corrections' custody. Upon his release, he will serve three years on post-release supervision and must register as a sex offender. He was also ordered to pay all costs of the court.

Shandrienne Davis pleaded guilty in Madison County on March 25, 2014, to two counts of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. She was sentenced to five years supervised probation in custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. She was ordered to pay $7,044.26 in restitution to the victim, $1,000 assessment to the Mississippi Crime Victim's Compensation Fund and all costs of the court.

Brenda Freeman pleaded guilty in Hinds County on September 4, 2013, to one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. She was sentenced to 10 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections with the last nine years suspended. The first year is to be served in custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections on house arrest with the next four years on supervised probation. She was ordered to pay $18,900 in restitution to the victim's estate, all costs of the court and fines.

Nakedra Freeman pleaded guilty in Hinds County on September 4, 2013, to one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. She was sentenced to 10 years in custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections with the last nine years suspended. The first years is to be served in custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections on house arrest with the next four years on supervised probation. She was ordered to pay $12,750 in restitution to the victim's estate, all costs of the court and fines.

Bertha Jenkins pleaded guilty in Lauderdale County on June 11, 2014, to one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. She was sentenced to five years with four years suspended and one years to serve on house arrest. She was ordered to pay $5,377.35 in restitution to the victim, a $1,000 assessment to the Mississippi Crime Victim's Compensation Fund, plus all fines and costs of the court.

Kim Scott pleaded guilty in Leflore County Justice Court on June 3, 2014, to one count of neglect of a vulnerable person. He was sentenced to one year in the county jail, time suspended due to time served already in the jail. He was placed on a one year conditioned probation.

Indictments

Ralph Paul Henson was indicted on March 27, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Rankin County on two counts of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person.

Kim Scott was charged by affidavit on February 14, 2014, by investigators with the Attorney General's Office on one count of neglect of a vulnerable person.

Bertha Jenkins was indicted on March 25, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Lauderdale County on one count of felo-

Jessica Plaxico was indicted on April 9, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Tippah County on one count of conspiracy to commit the crime of false pretense and one count of false pretense. Plaxico was also indicted as a habitual offender.

Jessica Plaxico was indicted on April 15, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Alcorn County on two counts of false pretense. Plaxico was also indicted as a habitual offender.

Ahmad Fryar was indicted on April 9, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Tippah County on one count of conspiracy to commit false pretense and two counts of false pretense. Fryar was also indicted as a habitual offender.

Ahmad Fryar was indicted on April 15, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Alcorn County on two counts of false pretense. Fryar was also indicted as a habitual offender.

Sharon Sallie was indicted on April 9, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Tippah County on one count of conspiracy to commit false pretense and one count of false pretense. Sallie was also indicted as a habitual offender.

Dorothy Whaley was indicted on January 8, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Lee County on one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person and one count of embezzlement.

April Whaley was indicted on January 8, 2014, by the Grand Jury of Lee County on one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person.

Franklin Hardigree was indicted on July 9, 2013, by the Grand Jury of Hinds County, on one count of sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

Rosemary Stribling was indicted on September 14, 2013, by the Grand Jury of Neshoba County, on two counts of exploitation of a vulnerable person.

Gregory Wayne Colburn was indicted on December 5, 2013, by the Grand Jury of Rankin County, on three counts of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person.

Lena McGuire was indicted on August 19, 2013, by the Grand Jury of Jasper County, on two counts of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person.

Louis Zemeck, Jr. was indicted on May 28, 2013, by the Grand Jury of Coahoma County, on one count of embezzlement. (Not shown in previous year stats because the indictment remained unserved until after the start of the new fiscal year.)

Debbie W. Penny was indicted on September 23, 2013, by the Grand Jury of Lauderdale County on one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person.

Anson Bridgers was indicted on June 4, 2013, by the Grand Jury of Pearl River County on one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. (Not shown in previous year stats because the indictment remained unserved until after the start of the new fiscal year.)

Shandrienne Davis was indicted on April 19, 2013, by the Grand Jury of Madison County on two counts of exploitation of a vulnerable person. (Not shown in previous year stats because the indictment remained unserved until after the start of the new fiscal year.)

Deloris Gordon was indicted on April 2, 2013, on one count of felonious exploitation of a vulnerable person. (Not shown in previous year stats because the indictment remained unserved until after the start of the new fiscal year.)

Arrests

- Ralph Paul Henson was arrested May 2, 2014, post-indictment.
- Kim Scott was arrested February 14, 2014, warrant by affidavit.
- Bertha Jenkins was arrested April 23, 2014, post- indictment.
- Lisa Smith Boyd was arrested on April 3, 2014, post- indictment.
- Jessica Plaxico was arrested on May 16, 2014, post- indictment.
- Ahmad Fryar was arrested on May 14, 2014, post- indictment.
- Sharon Sallie was arrested on May 16, 2014, post indictment.
- Dorothy Whaley was arrested on February 13, 2014, post-indictment.
- April Whaley was arrested on February 13, 2014, post-indictment.
- Franklin Hardigree was arrested on July 31, 2013, post-indictment.
- Rosemary Stribling was arrested on September 16, 2013, post-indictment.
- Gregory Colburn was arrested on January 13, 2014, post-indictment.
- Anson Bridgers was arrested on August 9, 2013, post-indictment.
- Lena McGuire was arrested on August 23, 2013, post-indictment.
- Louis Zemeck, Jr. was arrested on August 18, 2013, post-indictment.
- Thunder Willis was arrested on July 20, 2013, post-indictment.
- Shandrienne Davis was arrested on December 16, 2014, post-indictment.
- Kimberly Gilleylen was arrested on August 14, 2013, post-indictment.
- Debbie Penny was arrested on October 30, 2013, post-indictment.

Agriculture Division

The Agriculture Division performs legal services for the state's agriculture-related agencies, including the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Board of Animal Health, Land Water & Timber Board, Farmer's Market, Fair Commission and the Mississippi Livestock Show. The attorneys in this division are Bob Graves and Rebecca Wilson.

The attorneys in this division deliver a wide variety of services to their agencies, such as representing the state in administrative proceedings, drafting legislation and regulations, conducting litigation, giving advice in the procurement process, assisting with personnel matters, drafting contracts and attending board meetings.

Our attorneys represented our agencies in a number of personnel actions dealing with disciplinary violations and claims for unemployment compensation. We always receive a large number of Open Records requests, which requires research and review of documents.

We have drafted or amended a number of regulations for our agencies this year. Our office handles every step in the regulation adoption process, including drafting, presentation for board approval, filing with the Secretary of State and posting to the website. All of our agencies' regulations are now on each respective agency's website.

The Department of Agriculture regulates the sale of gasoline, diesel and kerosene, both at the retail and wholesale levels. Our attorneys successfully represented the Department in administrative actions against two retail station owners who were selling unbranded gasoline as branded gasoline (BP® and Citgo®) in violation of state law. This past year our attorneys handled administrative complaints against petroleum vendors resulting in the collection of $22,345 in civil penalties.

The Department of Agriculture has a branch office in Starkville on the M.S.U. campus, which is called the Bureau of Plant Industry. This office regulates the sale, manufacture and application of pesticides, herbicides, feed, fertilizer, lime, seed and soil amendments. This office also grants licenses to pest control operators, crop dusters, tree surgeons, plant pathologists and landscapers. In the past year, our attorneys represented the Bureau in 22 administrative complaints resulting in the collection of $28,400 in civil penalties. Our attorneys also conducted evidentiary hearings in 17 seed arbitration cases this year before the Seed Arbitration Council.

The Board of Animal Health has been granted the responsibility for the prevention, control and eradication of contagious and infectious diseases in animals. In the past year, our attorneys represented the Board in a number of administrative complaints concerning animal disease issues.

The Consumer Protection Division of the Department inspects some 2,300 retail food establishments annually, and works to insure that the consumer receives a quality product that bears accurate identity, quantity and cost information. Our attorneys assisted this division in bringing a number of administrative complaints against grocery stores for violations of the U.S. Food Code. Civil penalties in the amount of $1,750 were assessed against the respondents.

Department of Corrections

Special Assistant Attorneys General David Scott, Jim Norris and Anthony Schmidt serve as legal counsel to the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC). MDOC has over 3,000 employees who have the responsibility of overseeing more than 50,000 inmates, probationers and parolees. Providing legal assistance to such a large agency necessitates addressing numerous legal issues on a daily basis. The duties of the legal counsel include representing the agency in administrative, civil litigation and inmate litigation proceedings; drafting and reviewing contracts, policies, procedures and proposed legislation; responding to inquiries from prosecutors, judges, attorneys, victims, inmate family members and the public; advising the department on all legal matters related to the operation of the agency including both employee and inmate matters; and overseeing agency compliance with existing court orders. Special Assistant Attorneys General Keith Gates and Tommy Goodwin also assist MDOC with civil litigation matters.

Department of Mental Health

Special Assistant Attorney General Cyndi Eubank represents the Department of Mental Health in actions filed against the Department and its various statewide program locations, reviews contracts and attends monthly board meetings where she advises the Board of the Department of Mental Health. Mrs. Eubank attends court on behalf of the Department of Mental Health for establishing conservatorships, requesting conditional releases and acts as a liaison between the Department of Mental Health and various judges when questions arise concerning the placement of minors or adults with mental illness or intellectual developmental disabilities. In addition, Mrs. Eubank is working with the United States Department of Justice on possible litigation regarding the State of Mississippi's Mental Health System.

Mississippi Development Authority

Waverly Harkins and Royce Cole serve as legal counsel to the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority (MMEIA).

MMEIA was created by the Legislature as a method of competing for major economic development projects through statutory incentives to bring new business and industry into the state and to support existing Mississippi industries expanding their operations in the state. MDA also competes for major projects using the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund (MIIFRF). MDA assisted with numerous business location and expansion projects around the state in FY 2014, including expansions by automotive companies Nissan, Toyota Boshoku, and Tower Automotive, aerospace businesses Raytheon and General Atomics, and numerous other companies ranging from global equipment manufacturer Caterpillar to several furniture manufacturers. MDA also helps bring numerous new companies to Mississippi, and companies such as German manufacturers Feuer Powertrain GmbH and Grammer Inc., leather producer TanTec, Mississippi Silicon, and Aluma-Form are among the many businesses MDA worked with that announced new locations in the state in FY 2014. In total, MDA-assisted projects that announced in FY 2014 are creating more than 5,000 new jobs for state residents and are resulting in more than $793 million in new corporate investment in Mississippi. Legal advice provided to the Executive Director and MDA staff plays a key role in supporting these job creation efforts and includes, but is not limited to, the drafting of special legislation, memorandums of understanding, contracts, loan agreements and security agreements between the State and major companies and other related companies that locate to Mississippi or expand in the state and benefit from MMEIA and MIIFRF assistance.

MDA administers the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds Mississippi receives through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Hurricane Katrina CDBG recovery funds that have contributed to the recovery of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. MDA also oversees a number of state-funded statutory grant and loan programs which are used to promote economic and community development around the state. Legal services relative to the above entail writing and reviewing grant agreements, leases, other contracts and working with staff and local public officials in support of MDA's mission to promote economic development in all parts of the state of Mississippi.

MMEIA also serves as the body responsible for the duties of the former Mineral Leasing Commission, and MDA oversees the Mississippi State Port Authority and the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

Legal service to these agencies includes: representing the agency in administrative and civil litigation proceedings including Employee Appeals Board Hearings and EEOC matters; drafting and reviewing contracts, policies, procedures and legislation; reviewing Regional Economic Development Alliance agreements, tax incentive agreements and port contracts; responding to public records requests; preparing bond resolutions; drafting incentive agreements; and providing legal research and general advice to the agency.

Mississippi Department of Education

For the fiscal year 2014, Kathy Boteler, Joel Jones, Heather Deaton, Raina Lee and Beebe Garrard served as legal counsel to the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education.

State Board of Education

The legal staff provided legal advice to the State Board of Education on matters before the Board at its regular monthly and special-called meetings. Attorneys assisted in drafting board policies and any necessary revisions to those policies. The State Board of Education is the governing board for the Mississippi School for the Deaf, the Mississippi School for the Blind, the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi School for the Arts. The attorneys representing the Department and Board reviewed and revised student handbooks and staff handbooks for all state schools and provided legal advice related to student and employment issues.

State Department of Education

General Advice and Legislation: The legal staff provided legal research and general legal advice to the bureaus in the Department of Education on policy and regulatory matters, drafted and reviewed proposed legislation, met with legislators on education legislation and advised the Department regarding legislation that will impact education. Attorneys analyzed pending state and federal legislation and advised the Department on filing of policies with the Secretary of State through the Administrative Procedures Act process. Attorneys also provided assistance to local school districts, responded to questions from school districts and school board attorneys and responded to citizen questions and complaints.

Personnel Matters: The Department legal staff handled personnel matters, including employee grievances, appeals before the Employee Appeals Board, and complaints filed before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The legal staff also assisted the Department staff in the implementation of recently passed legislation (House Bill 454, 2014 Legislative Session) that exempted the Department from the State Personnel Board procedures for two years.

Conservatorships

In addition to the four state schools under the control of the State Board of Education during the 2014 fiscal year, there were ten school districts in conservatorship and under the authority and control of the State Board of Education. Attorneys have worked with the Department in reconstituting of the Hazlehurst City School District, North Panola School District, Tate County School District, Indianola School District and Sunflower County School District to include meeting with legislative representatives, mayors and aldermen and working with the Office of the Governor to obtain Writs of Election.

And, attorneys for the Department continue to counsel the Board and the Department in their efforts after the declaration of a state of emergency, the establishment of a conservatorship and assuming control and administration of the following districts: Oktibbeha County School District, Aberdeen School District, Leflore County School District, Claiborne County School District and Scott County School District.

Consolidation of School Districts

Recent legislation has required the Department to be actively involved in the consolidation of school districts within Sunflower County, Bolivar County, Oktibbeha County and Clay County that includes determining boundary lines for school board members. Attorneys have assisted the Department in the consolidation of these school districts by drafting board policy, preparing for and attending public meetings in the affected communities, incorporating citizen concerns into decisions made and working with the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Committee in the drafting of school board member lines. Attorneys for the Department represented the Commission on the Consolidation of the Starkville Consolidated School District and assisted in the preparation of the Commission's report to the Governor, Legislature and State Board of Education.

Contractual Issues

Attorneys reviewed and drafted contracts (including memorandums of understanding and grant agreements), advised on legal issues, and assisted in the negotiation of contractual terms.

State Longitudinal Data System

Individual state agencies and state entities are required to send data from their internal systems to the Statewide Longitudinal Data System. Attorneys provided general advice to the Department related to the submission of data to the State Longitudinal Data System.

Public Records Requests

Attorneys responded to public records requests and advised the Department on the Public Records Act, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other privacy issues.

Special Education Issues

Kathy Boteler and Heather Deaton represented the Department and the Board in all matters related to special education. Attorneys are continuing to review and draft contracts, memorandums of understanding/agreement and interagency agreements, provided general advice on policy and regulatory matters; responded to public records requests; analyzed pending state and federal legislation; provided legal research and general legal advice regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 ("IDEA"), Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, and Section 504 and made legal presentations regarding IDEA and/or State Board Policy 7219.

Additionally, attorneys continued to advise the Office of Special Education with regard to the Annual Performance Report filed with the United States Department of Education pursuant to the IDEA. Attorneys also assisted the Office of Special Education with the resolution of individual and class complaints filed under the IDEA.

The attorneys also provided counsel addressing concerns in the Jackson Public School District and Tishomingo County School District to ensure compliance with IDEA. Also, the attorneys worked collaboratively with the Office of Civil Litigation in cases pending in U.S. District Court, Hinds County Chancery Court and in negotiating with the United States Department of Justice.

Commission on School Accreditation

The Commission on School Accreditation continually reviews the standards on accreditation of public school districts and the enforcement of the standards and makes recommendations to the State Board of Education. The Commission also hears cases regarding the withdrawal of the accreditation of schools and determines if an extreme emergency situation exists in school districts that jeopardize the safety, security or educational interests of children in the district. Attorneys represented the Commission on School Accreditation at its meetings and hearings.

Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

The Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach in the public schools of Mississippi. The Licensure Commission also conducts disciplinary cases regarding education misconduct. Attorneys represented the Commission at its meetings and disciplinary hearings.

Opinions of the Attorney General

The Department attorneys drafted official opinions of the Attorney General related to education. The attorneys also conducted seminars on school law for school board attorneys, school district personnel and education leadership classes for teachers obtaining advanced degrees.

Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration

Special Assistant Attorneys General Romaine L. Richards and Aubrey Leigh Goodwin serve as legal counsel to the Department of Finance and Administration (the Department) and its divisions. As counsel for these entities, Ms. Richards and Mrs. Goodwin represent the Department in administrative and civil litigation proceedings; draft and review contracts, policies, procedures, and proposed legislation; and provide legal advice on various matters including, but not limited to, employment law, contractual issues, construction law, garnishments, bankruptcies, public records requests, open meetings, public purchasing, real property, and bid protests.

Ms. Richards provides assistance to the Executive Director on legal matters relating to the Department, including the preparation of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and to the Health Insurance Management Board, which governs the State and School Employees' Health and Life Insurance Plan (the Plan). She also serves as general counsel to the State Bond Commission. In addition to these duties, Ms. Richards provides counsel and representation to the Department of Finance and Administration on matters pertaining to: the Office of Budget and Accounting, which is responsible for budgeting, accounting, purchasing, and payroll functions; the Office of Fiscal Management, which is responsible for providing oversight and assistance to other state agencies to insure compliance with state laws, rules and regulations; the Office of Capitol Facilities, which is responsible for providing security and maintenance for the buildings located within the Capitol Complex; the Office of Capitol Police; the Office of Surplus Property (State and Federal); the Office of Information Technology, which is responsible for the management of data processing of the DFA; the Office of Insurance, which administers the State and School Employees' Health and Life Insurance Plan, the State Agencies' Self Insurance Workers' Compensation Pool, and the Employment Compensation Revolving Fund; the Office of Personnel and Training; and the Office of Air Transport, which provides air transportation to all state government entities.

Mrs. Goodwin serves as counsel to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management (the BOB), whose primary function is to properly administer funds, appropriated by the Legislature in accordance with state laws, regulations and established procedures, for construction and maintenance of state-owned facilities and real property. Mrs. Goodwin is responsible for reviewing both construction and professional contracts for all projects under the control of the Bureau of Buildings; providing legal advice during the progress of construction projects and other real property transactions; counseling on procurement matters and other related issues. Mrs. Goodwin also advises the Public Procurement Review Board, which approves procurement by state entities and hears protests and contract disputes generating from those procurements and the Office of Purchasing and Travel, and Fleet Management, which serves as the State Procurement Office, on legal matters regarding procurement, statutes, regulations, contracts, policies and procedures, protests, the State's Master Lease Purchase Program, and the acquisition and use of state vehicles.

Mississippi Forrestry Commission

The Forestry Commission offers a variety of forest management services to private and non-industrial land owners. The Commission also actively manages much of Mississippi's public timberland, including Sixteenth Section school lands and state parks. The Forestry Commission by statute has the primary duty of wildfire suppression. Forestry Commission crews suppress wildfires occurring day or night on nearly 17 million acres of timbered and uncultivated land.

Role of the Agency Attorney

The attorney assigned to the agency provides advice and assistance to the Forestry Commission in all areas of its operations where legal counsel is needed. This can be divided into areas of personnel, purchasing, accounting, fire protection, timber management and general administration. The attorney assists with all aspects of personnel actions and discipline, assists with questions regarding the purchasing laws and procedures, and is involved as needed with questions regarding the interpretation of the regulations dealing with payroll, bid laws, ethics laws and contract disputes, and reviews and drafts contracts as needed.

Mississippi Gaming Commission

The Gaming Control Division is charged with representing the Mississippi Gaming Commission in all its legal matters, assisting local law enforcement authorities as pertains to gaming law, and generally carrying out legislative mandate and state public policy as it regards the gambling laws of Mississippi. While the division represented the Commission in one casino bankruptcy proceeding, three new gaming sites were proposed and two were found legal. Additionally, the division oversaw the plan approval and groundbreaking of a new casino on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. During 2014, the division represented the Commission in almost 40 work permit matters, with 18 of those going to hearing. The division handled 10 patron disputes between casino patrons and casino licensees, and assisted in the presentation of those cases at administrative hearing. The division also assisted in the handling of disciplinary actions and settlement negotiations for violations of the Gaming Control act by licensed casinos.

The division and the Gaming Commission began a more thorough examination of Charitable Gaming under the new "65/35" regulation. This regulation requires that a charity spend 65% of the money received from charitable gaming directly for program services. Disciplinary and remedial action has been taken at Charities found to be in violation, and in most cases, the division has assisted the Secretary of State in their investigation of the charity as well.

The division has become more involved in assisting the Commission in its pursuit of illegal gambling. Prosecutions are ongoing in a number of sports betting cases as well as illegal "internet cafes." Working with local law enforcement, local district attorneys, and the American Gaming Association; the division is attempting to raise awareness of the illegality of these operations, and in many jurisdictions, assisting in prosecuting the owners of internet cafes. An indictment for RICO charges is currently pending against one owner for the ongoing operation of a network of internet cafes.

Gaming Division attorneys provide assistance on a daily basis to the general public with requests for public records and basic information related to gaming in Mississippi, including inquiries by charitable organizations regarding raffles and bingo.

Mississippi Department of Health

The Health Law Section of the office of the Attorney General represents the Mississippi State Department of Health and its governing body, the Mississippi State Board of Health. Assistant Attorney General, Robert E. (Bob) Fagan, Jr. and Special Assistant Attorneys General Ellen O'Neal, Cassandra Walter and Bea Tolsdorf provide legal counsel to the Board, the State Health Officer, who serves as Director of the Department, the Department's various divisions, nine public health districts and 81 county health departments.

GENERAL ADVICE

During the past year, the four attorneys in this section provided advice to the Department of Health in a wide variety of areas including, but not limited to, conducting meetings under the Open Meetings Law, drafting proposed legislation and proposed amendments to regulations; assisting with compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act; reviewing and enforcing licensure and certification determinations for health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes and child care facilities, as well as for various professional licensures; assisting with the enforcement of orders for the promotion of public health; reviewing the disclosure of documents under the Public Records Act; assisting with the disclosure of medical records through subpoena and otherwise; reviewing contracts; providing planning and policy assistance; processing garnishments upon employees; preparing Attorney General's Opinions on questions posed by the Department; handling personnel matters, and responding to inquiries from Department of Health Staff and members of the public on health-related matters.

Enforcement of Environmental Laws

The Department's Bureau of Environmental Health was assisted with enforcement of environmental laws in the areas of boiler and pressure vessel safety, radiological health, food sanitation, general sanitation involving regulation of wastewater, institutional sanitation, milk sanitation, water supply involving enforcement of Mississippi Safe Drinking Water Act and certification of operators of water systems. Activity in these areas involved advice, administrative hearings and litigation.

Our attorneys assisted with administrative enforcement actions against professional installers of onsite wastewater systems, advised staff regarding cases in justice court concerning failing wastewater systems and resulting sewage on neighboring property and worked with the Department of Environmental Quality, boards of supervisors and department staff in resolving wastewater issues in several counties. There were also, administrative and court enforcement actions against public water systems for endangerment of the health of their customers by noncompliance with applicable statutes and regulations.

Health Facilities Licensure and Certification

In conjunction with the Bureau of Licensure and Certification of Health Care Facilities, the attorneys provided ongoing legal counsel in areas including, but not limited to, utilization review, subpoenas, public records requests, and licensure of hospitals, long-term care facilities, personal care homes, ambulatory surgical facilities, abortion clinics, hospice and home-health care providers. The attorneys also assisted the Bureau in matters concerning the transition of rural hospitals to critical access hospitals.

The attorneys handled administrative hearings against certified nurse aides charged with abuse and/or neglect of residents in long-term care facilities, as well as hearings for matters of denial or revocation of licenses. The attorneys also provide advice and counsel to the Bureau in matters involving the informal dispute resolution process and the federal administrative law hearing process.

Certificate of Need and Health Planning

In the Certificate of Need (CON) Program, our attorneys assisted the Division of Health Planning on procedural and evidentiary matters at administrative hearings and represented the Department in CON appeals to Chancery Court and the Mississippi Supreme Court. The attorneys also provided ongoing legal advice in matters including, but not limited to, requests for declaratory rulings under CON law, review of changes of ownership of health care facilities and legal review of staff analyses of new projects proposed under CON law.

Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") Licensure and the Statewide Trauma System

Our attorneys provided legal advice to the Department in matters pertaining to the licensure and regulation of emergency medical technicians and emergency medical (ambulance) services, including disciplinary proceedings. Attorneys continued to assist the Department in the operation of Mississippi's first statewide trauma system. They counseled the Department on such matters as procedures for trauma center designation and the development of reimbursement policies and procedures for indigent trauma care.

Vital Records

During the past year this section handled approximately 669 chancery court complaints to correct birth certificates and other vital records, responded to telephone calls and letters from attorneys having filed such complaints or planning to do so, and met with numerous such attorneys. In addition, general advice was provided to the public regarding vital records and statistics.

Community Health Services

Assistance was given to the Department in administrative and court actions to enforce vaccination requirements and to quarantine persons with AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis to prevent the spread of such diseases, and to compel hospitalization and treatment for those with active, infectious, communicable diseases.

Child Care and Profecssional Licensure

Our attorneys represented the agency in administrative hearings to determine the qualifications of applications and in disciplinary hearings which may have resulted in suspension or revocation of the license or registration of the following: child care centers, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, dieticians, respiratory care practitioners, medical radiation technologists, hearing aid dealers, athletic trainers, speech-language pathologists, speech-language pathologists aides, audiologists and audiologists aides, art therapists, eye enucleation, hair braiding and tattooing and body piercing. Additionally, our attorneys reviewed criminal history records and determined eligibility for every person applying to work in a child care facility.

Disaster Preparation

The Department has continued to focus on training in outbreak intervention and disaster response. The attorneys have participated in training programs in order to provide legal advice and assistance in the development of strategies and plans for dealing with a major bioterrorism attack against the State or other public health emergencies. They have also provided valuable legal advice to the Division of Health Protection on measures for disease control, including interventions against the West Nile Virus.

Privacy Law Consideration

The Federal Privacy Rule continued to impact the department in various ways, and under the guidance of the HIPPA steering committee and the legal department, the Department continued to monitor patient disclosure forms and patient authorization forms and modified contracts with business associates to protect individually identifiable health information. While implementing these new protections for individual privacy, the Department continued to pursue its essential public health objectives for public health research, bioterrorism preparedness, health surveillance and outbreak investigations, and general health promotion.

Employment and Human Resource Matters

Our attorneys assisted the Department, which employs approximately 2,500 people, in human resource matters through continuing advice, representing the agency in hearings before the Employee Appeals Board of the Mississippi State Personnel Board, and insuring compliance with state and federal employment and labor laws. They also worked in conjunction with the Civil Litigation Division of the Attorney General's Office to defend the agency in federal litigation originating from claims filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Human Services Division

The Human Services Section of the Attorney General's Office offers legal assistance to the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) and its 82 county offices providing services through assistance to needy and disadvantaged individuals and families found or living in the State of Mississippi. It offers legal counsel, advice and representation to the executive director, division directors, managers, supervisors and other employees in matters relating to child protective services, adult protective services, family support services, child support enforcement and in developing and enhancing service delivery tools.

The Division represented MDHS before various administrative and judicial bodies; conferred with MDHS on the Agency's legislative needs; wrote advisory opinions; continuously replied to questions from MDHS' service recipients, providers of services, public officials and the general public; consulted on child support cases; acted on records requests pursuant to subpoenas, subpoena duces tecum and the Public Records Act; and helped with tort claims. Attorneys worked with MDHS in providing for the care of children with mental illnesses or multiple disorders and children requiring interstate placement.

Contracts

Contractual procurement agreements and partnerships remain essential to MDHS' service delivery system. During fiscal year 2014, the Human Services Division reviewed, revised, drafted and/or negotiated more than 650 contracts, subgrants, requests for proposals, memoranda of understanding and other agreements.

Division of Youth Services

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) administers the community services and institutional programs for juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent in Mississippi Youth Courts or who are at risk of becoming delinquent. DYS provides professional counseling, probation supervision and related services to children in their home communities, as well as education, rehabilitation and treatment services to children committed to institutional care.

Though this Division, subgrants with community-based organizations were issued to operate its Adolescent Opportunity Program (AOP), which provide intervention and prevention services designed to decrease criminal activity among adolescents and to safely divert adolescent offenders from further contact with the criminal justice system.

Division of Community Services

Subgrants between the Division of Community Services and community action agencies/human resource agencies, allowed MDHS-DCS to provide assistance to the elderly, disabled and children through Weatherization, CSBG and LIHEAP programs.

- For FY 2014, the Weatherization Program provided assistance to a total of 804 homes. This amount includes regular Weatherization and ARRA Weatherization.
- The Division of Community Services assisted 175,251 people through its LIHEAP and CSBG programs.

Division of Aging and Adult Services

The Division of Aging and Adult Services protects the rights of older citizens while expanding their opportunities and access to quality services. It also plans, coordinates and advocates the assurance of providing services to all older Mississippians. The division oversees the Adult Protective Services program, which investigates reports of suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults who reside in private home settings. This division represented MDHS in obtaining emergency and essential conservatorships, emergency orders for the provision of protective services on behalf of abused, neglected or exploited vulnerable adults as well as provided technical assistance.

Division of Family and Children's Services

The Division of Family and Children Services provides a safety net for those children who have been abused and/or neglected; however, it is their responsibility to reunite these children with their parents if at all possible. When the effort failed or was not possible, MDHS referred the cases to this Division for Termination of Parental Rights (TPR).

In FY 2014, 309 new TPR cases were referred to this Division. Human Services attorneys obtained 378 court orders terminating parental rights for 546 children.

This Division worked with MDHS in placements for hard-to-place children such as those with mental illness and behavior problems.

- 18 administrative fair hearings. These hearings involved persons whose names appeared on MDHS' Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry.
- 233 legal clearances completed by legal staff for the adoption unit, which allowed children to be adopted by loving families
- Conducted local and state-level training sessions with social workers

Division of Human Resources

- Our Division handled 58 personnel cases for MDHS
- Responded to more than 163 subpoenas and summonses
- Responded to 120 open public records request
- Processed over 473 writs of garnishments and other wage withholding matters

Information Technology Services

Special Assistant Attorneys General Donna Nead Rogers and Drew Schimmel served as legal counsel to the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services ("ITS"). During this time period, they drafted and/or negotiated 380 contracts of various types (software licenses, software development contracts, turnkey agreements, purchase contracts, maintenance contracts, leases, application service provider contracts, and professional services contracts) with providers of data processing and telecommunications hardware, software and services. Some of those contracts involved projects for a Medicaid School-Based Reimbursement System for the Mississippi Department of Education; a Business Intelligence System for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security; a Clinical Dialysis Electronic Health Records System for the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and a Central Receipting & Disbursement Unit for the Mississippi Department of Human Services' Child Support Division. In addition to contract negotiations, the attorneys provided legal advice to the Executive Director and staff of ITS, and responded to garnishments and public records requests.

Mississippi Department of Insurance

The Attorney General's Insurance Division provides legal support for the Mississippi Insurance Department ("Department"). The Department primarily regulates the business of insurance in the state, and in that respect is responsible for administering Title 83 of the Mississippi Code. There are currently over 1,700 insurance companies and nearly 112,000 insurance producers (agents or agencies) licensed in the state. The Department also licenses bail bondsmen, with some 1,600 professional bail agents, bail soliciting agents and bail enforcement agents in the state.

The Commissioner of Insurance is the chief officer of the Department and also serves by statute as State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal's Office, a division of the Department that has law enforcement authority, is directed by the State Chief Deputy Fire Marshal. This Office conducts arson investigations and fire code inspections throughout the state. It is also the state licensing authority for factory-built homes, residential electronic protection systems and liquefied compressed gas dealers. Further, the Office oversees Fire Services Development, Fire Safety Education, Fire Standard and Compliant Cigarettes Program and pyrotechnics permits at the state level. Another Department division is the State Fire Academy. The Academy, which is located on a 112-acre complex in Rankin County, trained over 13,000 students in FY 2014 in basic and advanced fire fighting.

The Insurance Division advises and represents the Department on all matters within its purview, including, but not limited to, financial and market conduct examinations, producer and insurer disciplinary actions, administrative hearings, drafting of regulations and bulletins, insolvency proceedings (rehabilitations and liquidations), fraud investigations, consumer complaint resolution and mergers, acquisitions and redomestications of insurers. Special Assistant Attorneys General Kim Causey, Linda Boozer, Michelle Partridge, Mark Lampton and Jay Eads are members of the Insurance Division. There are also two Department staff attorneys and two Department legal secretaries who work under the direct supervision of the division director.

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Special Assistant Attorneys General Joseph Runnels and Sandy Chesnut serve as general counsel to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) and the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources (MCMR). Their duties include: drafting legislative amendments to marine resources-related statutes and MCMR regulations; coordinating defense with outside counsel on tort claims; drafting and reviewing contracts, memoranda of agreement, and memoranda of understanding; handling employee law issues including EEOC Complaints and employment grievance cases appealed to the Mississippi Employee Appeals Board; pursuing enforcement of non-compliance with the MCMR's wetlands restoration orders and derelict vessel removal notices; prosecuting judicial and administrative forfeiture of seized illegal equipment; counseling the Executive Director and the MCMR during Commission meetings; interpreting laws, regulations, policies and other controlling authorities (e.g., Mississippi Coastal Program and federal environmental laws); advising MDMR personnel and the MCMR on compliance and enforcement issues; drafting Official Attorney General Opinions applicable to the MCMR and MDMR; identifying and disseminating legal reference materials applicable to the MDMR and MCMR's duties and responsibilities; and defending the MCMR and MDMR's actions and orders which are the subject of appeal, a duty that includes preparing the record and pleadings and making oral arguments to appellate courts. The Special Assistant Attorneys General for the MCMR/MDMR are actively engaged in administrative proceedings and in litigation.

Division of Medicaid

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) has over 900 employees located in one central office, 30 regional offices and 95 outstations throughout the state, all working together to provide quality health care coverage for the vulnerable, eligible populations in Mississippi. The combined state and federal budget amounts total more than $5 billion.

During fiscal year 2014, DOM was represented by Special Assistant Attorneys General Fran Ingram, Paige Biglane, Abbie Koonce, Nick Crawford and Stephanie Evans, who came on board as a SAAG in February of 2014. The attorneys represented DOM on a variety of matters including personnel issues, procurements and contracting, statutory and regulatory issues, administrative hearings, public records requests, open meetings issues, recovery efforts, garnishments, levies, bankruptcies and tax liens.

Fran Ingram and Nick Crawford handled the subrogation matters and successfully recovered $2,636,901.87. Abbie Koonce handled the estate recovery cases and special needs and income trusts, and successfully recovered $579,162.44 and $205,705.73, respectively. Throughout the year, Abbie Koonce and Nick Crawford advised DOM's Human Resources bureau on all personnel matters. Stephanie Evans managed all of the contract drafting, approval routing, and execution for the agency's many contracts, and advised DOM's HIPAA Privacy and Security Officers. Stephanie Evans and Fran Ingram both achieved the distinction of becoming Certified HIPAA Professionals (CHP) during FY 2014. All attorneys represented DOM at the administrative level, inclusive of beneficiary administrative hearings. In the spring and summer of 2014, the legal staff assisted Civil Litigation in successfully defending a contract award that was appealed by an incumbent, non-winning vendor in Chancery Court.

Paige Biglane served as Chief Counsel for DOM, and managed the daily activities and responsibilities of the legal staff. The Chief Counsel is a member of the senior cabinet at DOM and provides counsel to the Executive Director and senior staff on a variety of matters, including interpretation and implementation of DOM's federal and state statutory requirements. The highlight of fiscal year 14 for Paige was assisting the agency with implementing the various aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (also known as the "ACA" or "ObamaCare"). The Chief Counsel also advised the Procurement Division and facilitated the negotiation and execution of all procurement-related contracts. The Chief Counsel provided assistance to special counsel retained by the Attorney General to pursue State claims against pharmaceutical manufacturers, and coordinated with outside counsel to handle all Medicaid provider appeals in Chancery, Circuit, state and federal courts. Similarly, the Chief Counsel facilitated investigations for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and coordinated the defense of complex litigation through the AG's Civil Litigation Division. Finally, the Chief Counsel assisted DOM with drafting and updating the agency's Administrative Code, its State Plan and all internal agency policies.

In addition to administrative hearings, the attorneys also represented DOM in matters before the Employee Appeals Board, the EEOC, United States Bankruptcy Court, and other state and federal courts. The attorneys performed legal research, assisted the agency in responding to subpoenas and requests for Protected Health Information (PHI) and other confidential documentation, represented the agency at Protective Order proceedings in Chancery Court, and counseled DOM and its internal bureaus on a multitude of complex Medicaid issues, including a host of provider and beneficiary matters.

Pearl River Valley Water Supply District

During this past fiscal year, Special Assistant Attorney General Mack Cameron served as legal counsel to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District ("PRV"). Staff Officer Pam Brooks served as a paralegal with the Attorney General's Office for PRV. During this time period, they drafted and/or negotiated more than 260 lease assignments, lease renewals, as well as contracts of various types. Some of those leases involved PRV property, agreements with other state and federal agencies for utilization of PRV property, and agreements with those agencies and private corporations regarding other matters, such as the location of instruments dealing with wireless communication and fiber optic lines. The attorney and paralegal planned and helped execute the transfer of legal and work files concerning the PRV to the agency's headquarters from a private law firm that had previously represented the agency. Meetings were also attended that dealt with litigation that was currently active, including a case before the Mississippi Supreme Court. Other meetings ere attended that involved some property and potential lessees. In addition to contract negotiations, the attorney provided legal advice to the Executive Director, staff and the Board of Directors of PRV. The PRV staff also responded to public records requests, participated in conferences concerning the establishment of governmental entities relative to property owned by the PRV and filed submission to the Secretary of State's Office regarding regulation changes.

State Personnel Board

Special Assistant Attorney General Sara DeLoach serves as General Counsel to the Mississippi State Personnel Board (MSPB). As General Counsel, she provides legal advice to the MSPB, the Personal Service Contract Review Board (PSCRB) and the Employee Appeals Board (EAB).

At the MSPB, Ms. DeLoach supports the Executive Director and agency staff in performing their statutory duties of managing and improving the central personnel agency for state government. DeLoach provides legal counsel regarding the application of state and federal law to MSPB policy, and also assists in developing and revising all MSPB policies and procedures. Furthermore, she provides assistance to the MSPB and other state agencies regarding specific employment and human resources issues, including, but not limited to, personal/medical and donated leave, wage and hour practices, accommodation of disabilities, and employee discipline. In her capacity as General Counsel, she also advises the MSPB on open Meetings, public records, garnishments, Administrative Procedures Act filings, internal contracts/agreements, etc. Ms. DeLoach reviews all legal services contracts submitted to the MSPB for approval and presents said contracts at the monthly Board Meetings. She represents the MSPB in all litigation matters and serves as the liaison between the MSPB and the Office of the Attorney General.

As counsel to the PSCRB, Ms. DeLoach reviews all personal and professional service contracts entered into with state agencies in excess of $100,000.00, to ensure compliance with state law and PSCRB procurement regulations. She also provides legal advice to the PSCRB at their monthly Board Meetings.

Additionally, Ms. DeLoach assists the EAB in researching legal questions regarding the employee grievance and appeals process and provides advice concerning the EAB meetings.

Professional Licensure and Regulatory Section

The Professional Licensure and Regulatory Section of the State Government Division of the Attorney General's Office, consisting of Deputy Attorney General Onetta Whitley and Assistant Attorneys General Leyser Morris-Hayes, Jeffrey Jernigan and Gloria Green, is charged with providing legal representation to the various professional licensing and regulatory boards and commissions of the State of Mississippi. This representation includes, but is not limited to, providing general counsel and advice, representing agency staff in administrative hearings, serving as hearing officers in administrative proceedings, handling a variety of personnel issues, including employee discipline and equal employment compliance and advising on matters pertaining to rule making. In addition, this Section represents the various agencies in courts of law on matters of injunctive relief, some civil litigation and appeals from administrative decisions.

The agencies include the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, State Board of Public Accountancy, State Board of Dental Examiners, Board of Psychology, State Board of Cosmetology, State Board of Funeral Service, Mississippi Auctioneer Commission, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, Licensed Professional Counselors, Massage Therapists, Physical Therapists, Fire Fighter Certification Board, Commercial Mobile Radio Services Board and Home Inspector Board, as well as several others.

In addition to providing general counsel to the professional licensing agencies, the Section also provides general counsel to a variety of other state agencies in the Executive Branch of Government including Mississippi Emergency Management, Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, Mississippi Industries for the Blind, the Athletic Commission and others.

This year the legal services provided to agencies via contractual agreements between the agencies and the Office of the Attorney General resulted in an estimated savings of $11,586,784.97 in legal costs.

Department of Rehabilitation Services

Special Assistant Attorney General Billy Taylor represents the Department of Rehabilitation Services which includes the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, the Office of Disability Determination Services, the Office of Special Disability Programs and Support Services, as well as the Department's governing entity, the State Board of Rehabilitation Services. In his capacity as legal counsel he advises the Board and Department regarding employment and personnel issues, in house, as well as before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Employee Appeals Board and the Employment Security Commission. He also advises and represents the agency concerning Open Meetings, Public Records, subrogation, bankruptcy, garnishments, Administrative Procedures, subpoenas, public purchasing, Workers' Compensation, immigration, American Indians, contracts, leases, policy, Americans with Disabilities Act, Social Security Disability and other disability related issues.

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

Special Assistant Attorney General Jane Mapp serves as legal counsel to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS). PERS is responsible for administering the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System, the Government Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan, the Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems, the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan, the Retiree Group Life and Health Benefits, the Optional Retirement Plan for the Institutions of Higher Learning, and the Federal-State Agreements providing Social Security coverage to eligible participants.

Ms. Mapp's duties also include: ensuring the governmental status of entities requesting membership in the System; drafting or reviewing personal service and investment-related contracts; assisting outside counsel on securities litigation cases; assisting the third party administrator for the Deferred Compensation Program address legal questions relative to the Plan, as well as ensuring that federal guidelines are satisfied. She assists the Personnel Director with issues relative to employee relations; offers advice and assistance in drafting legislation and agency regulations; and assists PERS staff, as well as staff from other agencies, responds to questions regarding the application of the statutes which govern the administration of PERS and the separate plans it administers. Such issues include, but are not limited to, membership eligibility, service credit, benefits, disability, garnishments, beneficiary disputes, refunds, investments, the fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Trustees and the impact federal legislation on PERS.

Ms. Mapp also represents PERS at administrative hearings and in appeals to the Circuit Court and Supreme Court relative to disability claims and membership service claims. Presently, PERS is a party to 26 appeals in the Circuit and/or Mississippi Supreme courts, as well as in one chancery court case.

Secretary of State Public Lands Division

Special Assistant Attorney General Nancy Morse Parkes is assigned to the Secretary of State's Office Public Lands Division. Her duties include providing general legal advice regarding tax sales, AG opinion research, and other related matters. Additionally, she works with the Secretary of State's Senior Public Lands Attorney on 16th Section Land issues. Nancy handles all suits to clear title in which the state is named as a defendant. In defending these cases, she works with the Secretary of State's office to determine what interest, if any, the State has in the property in question, and files the appropriate answer and other pleadings. Nancy handled more than 462 of such suits last year. Ms. Parkes represents the Secretary of State in eminent domain suits where the Secretary of State is named as a defendant due to possible interests via un-matured tax sales. Her further litigation duties include protecting the state's interest in lawsuits where individuals claim to own 16th Section School Trust land and Public Trust Tidelands.

Ms. Parkes provides legal assistance to the Elections Division in regard to the campaign finance reporting and lobbying laws, and to the Business Regulation and Enforcement Division and Business Services Division in certain lawsuits. Ms. Parkes also handles employee appeals board hearings for the Secretary of State. Additionally, Ms. Parkes regularly meets with and advises the Assistant Secretary of State for Public Lands and the Senior Public Lands Attorney on a variety of issues ranging from dealing with other agencies to litigation being handled by outside counsel.

Mississippi Department of Transportation

The Transportation Division of the Attorney General's Office employs six Special Assistant Attorneys General full time under its contract with the Mississippi Transportation Commission. One Special Assistant is retained on a part-time basis, and the Division also coordinates with four attorneys employed by MDOT in an administrative capacity: two staff attorneys in Human Resources Division and two staff attorneys in Right-of-Way Division. MDOT also employs one contract staff attorney who works with the Transportation Division. The Division's support staff includes one office manager and one legal secretary employed by the Attorney General, as well as a law clerk, one paralegal, two litigation support staff, and a receptionist working on direct contract with MDOT. They assist the agency in implementing its mission of providing an efficient transportation system in a cost-effective and environmentally friendly manner. This includes implementing programs involving highways, railroads, public transit systems, aviation, ports and waterways for the citizens of the State. One other Special Assistant Attorney General is housed in the Transportation Division's offices, although his primary assignment is to perform patent, trademark and copyright work for the State's colleges, universities and other state agencies.

One notable change in the last year was the relocation of Special Assistant Attorney General Margaret Ellis. She now primarily handles the majority of the legal representation for MDOT Districts Six and Seven from her new location at the Attorney General's satellite office in Harrison County.

The Commission also had outside counsel contracts with a number of attorneys who provided services on an hourly, as-needed basis for various reasons, such as in situations where special expertise was required or when the in-house attorneys had a conflict.

Various staff members served as members and/or chairmen of national committees for national organizations, including the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the National Alliance of Highway Beautification Agencies. Ben Jones and Special Assistant Attorneys General Margaret Ellis and Jimmy Isonhood served on the National Transportation Research Board.

The Commission paid $1,137,987.22 under its contract with the Attorney General. It also paid $990,623.29 to approximately ten different firms for eminent domain work; $142,136.67 to four firms for title and closing work related to property acquisition; and $538,207.49 to seven different law firms, expert witnesses, forensic accountants, and related litigation support firms in bond issues, complex contract suits, workers' compensation and various other types of lawsuits.

Litigation

The Division has continued to take on complex litigation in house, including defending high-dollar construction claims. Chief Counsel Roy Tipton, with assistance from Ben Jones, successfully defended the agency against major claims before the Contract Arbitration Board.

General

The Division continued to support the Department of Transportation's efforts to find creative methods of funding, planning, and building public transportation facilities. Contracts with the States of Tennessee, Arkansas, and Louisiana, as well as various counties and municipalities within Mississippi, allowed the expedited planning and construction of facilities of many different types. Special Assistant Attorney General Judy Martin continued to be instrumental in this arena, pioneering the introduction of design-build projects. Special Assistant Thomas S. Coleman worked to facilitate grants from the Mississippi Development Authority, through the Economic Development Highway and Community Development Block Grant programs, funded with state bonds and with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development monies, in addition to working to coordinate efforts between MDOT and various local agencies.

Special Assistant Jimmy Isonhood continued his work on the often controversial task of controlling encroachments on the public right-of-way and controlling billboards adjacent to the right-of-way. In furthering the advancement of law in these areas, Mr. Isonhood chairs the Committee on Eminent Domain and Land Use for the National Transportation Research Board (NTRB) and continues to be active in both the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Outdoor Advertising Technical Subcommittee, the NTRB Digital Billboard Committee, and multiple committees for the National Alliance of Highway Beautification Agencies (NAHBA). In addition to his work in these organizations, Mr. Isonhood has participated in a Federal Highway Administration study under the Osprey Group, which developed Federal Guidance Memoranda on pressing outdoor advertising issues. As always, the Division provided the general day-to-day advice, assistance, and representation expected from an agency with some 3,300 employees, 14,000 miles of roadway to maintain, offices in all 82 counties and annual expenditures approaching One Billion Dollars.

Property Acquisition

The Commission acquires thousands of parcels of property in a typical year to utilize in construction of highways and other facilities, a process overseen by Special Assistant Attorney General Billy D. Hall. The agency's Right-of-Way Division has continued to place extra emphasis on making good faith efforts to purchase this property at fair market value rather than condemning it, so only thirty-eight new eminent domain cases were filed during the year, while 110 suits were either tried or settled. Some 175 cases were active at the end of the fiscal year. For a variety of reasons, notably that local attorneys are more effective in selecting juries when engaged in the emotionally charged issue of taking property away from its owners, most eminent domain cases were pursued by outside counsel. Special Assistant Attorney General Billy D. Hall represented the Commission in several quiet title cases involving the sale of surplus property.

Property Damage Claims

Asserting claims against those responsible for damage to MDOT facilities and equipment continues to generate a significant work load for the Division. Special Assistant Margaret Ellis, with assistance from paralegal Shannon Cleveland, has aggressively continued to represent the public's interests. Through their efforts, a total of $69,974 was collected and returned to the citizens of Mississippi.

Workers' Compensation

The Division continued to represent the Commission's self-insured, self-administered Workers' Compensation program. This program paid $1,542,666.07 in disability benefits and $927,985.88 in fourteen compromise settlements to current and former employees of the agency, as well as $2,354,524.07 to medical providers. There were approximately forty controverted cases active at some point during the year, with Staff Attorney Rodney Love as lead counsel in a number of them and the rest being assigned to three private firms. The sum of $82,473.71 was recovered for the agency through subrogation claims asserted against third parties responsible for accidents that resulted in claims.

Conclusion

The Transportation Division of the Attorney General's Office continued to strive to give the best possible representation to the Transportation Commission and to the State of Mississippi as a whole, while minimizing the public's expenditures.

Universities Division

Leigh H. Patterson, Katie Lusk and Stephanie Ganucheau serve as legal counsel to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), the Commissioner of Higher Education, the eight state institutions of higher learning, as well as various other public agencies associated with the Board. Additional university campus attorneys have been authorized and assigned to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, The University of Mississippi, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, and University of Southern Mississippi. Patterson, Lusk and Ganucheau coordinate activities with each campus attorney and participate in joint efforts, maximizing the legal representation available to the various institutions of higher learning in Mississippi.

Patterson, Lusk and Ganucheau are active in the management of litigation involving higher education. The Division receives inquiries from students and parents and assists in resolving problems relating to the institutions. The attorneys in this Division work closely with the faculty, staff and administrators of the eight state universities. In addition, the three attorneys in this Division are the actual campus counsel for Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University and Delta State University.

The IHL Board Offices and the Institutions of Higher Learning, pursuant to legislative authorization, operate under the Mississippi Tort Claims Act separately from the administration provided by the State Tort Claims Board. The Universities Division works closely with the IHL Insurance and Risk Management Division and plays a vital and significant role in the evaluation and disposition of tort claims filed thereunder.

This Division of the Attorney General's Office provides a myriad of other legal services to the Agency, including, but not limited to, the following:

- provided advice and assisted with numerous construction and renovation projects developing facilities on and off campus at each of the institutions;
- assisted the University Press of Mississippi with various intellectual property and contractual issues this year;
- assisted the State Office of Student Financial Aid with the development of and amendments to the contracts, notes and regulations for the various types of financial aid, which it administers;
- represented Mississippi Automated Resource Information Systems and reviewed their contracts with other agencies;
- worked closely with the Commissioner of Higher Education in drafting new Policies and Bylaws for the Institutions of Higher Learning;
- served as in-house counsel to the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation, which has offices located in the Education and Research Center;
- advised IHL on Ayers implementation issues in furtherance of the settlement of hat lawsuit;
- worked closely with the IHL Board Office of Human Resources in advising on various employment issues;
- worked closely with the IHL Office of Contracts and Grants in reviewing and/or drafting all contracts for that office;
- represented and advised GEAR-UP in all legal matters;
- represented and advised America Reads-Mississippi in all legal matters; and
- worked closely with the IHL Finance and Academic Departments, as well as with the Real Estate and Facilities Department, in addressing various legal issues which affect them.

State Veterans Affairs Board

The State Veterans Affairs Board (SVAB) assists former and present members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents in securing benefits or privileges under any federal or state law or regulation to which they are entitled and to advise the Governor and Legislature on veterans affairs. The State Veterans Nursing Homes in Collins, Jackson, Kosciusko and Oxford are maintained and operated by the State Veterans Affairs Board. The State Veterans Affairs Board is also charged with the duty to inspect, approve and supervise schools, institutions and establishments for veterans training under the GI Bill and with the establishment and operation of a State Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the Persian Gulf War Memorial. SVAB provides speakers for meetings and works with the legislature, Governor and veterans organizations regarding veterans' issues.

SVAB maintains copies of military discharges (DD-214) for individuals recently released from military service who list Mississippi as their home of record on the DD-214. SVAB can access Mississippi Draft cards from WW II through post-Korea and can access some records pertaining to WW II and Korean War discharges.

Additionally, the Veterans Service Officers of the Claims Division with SVAB provide free advice and guidance to veterans and dependants concerning VA claims, VA casework, hearings, appeals and discharge upgrades. These service officers are also responsible for the training of County Veterans Service Officers. Claims Division employees represent the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board and are accredited representatives for the American Legion, American Red Cross, American Ex-POWs, Blinded Veterans Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Non-Commissioned Officers Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Special Assistant Attorney General Alicia Ainsworth serves as General Counsel to the State Veterans Affairs Board. Her duties include representing the agency before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Employee Appeals Board and various other agencies and courts. As in-house counsel, she advises and represents the agency concerning Open Meetings, Public Records, Administrative Procedures, contracts, leases and policies as well as provides on-site training to the employees of the nursing homes.

Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Special Assistant Attorney General Doug Mann is assigned as legal counsel to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. He is assisted by Annette Clark. Mr. Mann provides legal services including drafting, negotiating and reviewing contracts, real property transactions, representing the department in the initiation of seized property civil forfeiture proceedings, and advising and representing the department concerning State Personnel Board matters and hearings before the Mississippi Employee Appeals Board. This agency is one of the largest in terms of number of employees with more than 850 full-time employees. Due to the size of the agency, a part-time attorney, D. Drew Malone, has been added to the legal staff at the Department. Mr. Malone splits his time equally between the Department of Wildlife and the Mississippi Library Commission.

One primary function of the department is law enforcement which includes not only violations of the game and fish statutes and environmental matters, but also safe boating enforcement and the recovery of stolen boats and motors. Mr. Mann makes presentations at training sessions for all law enforcement personnel and advises them daily on legal matters. Mr. Mann has also had the privilege of addressing the Prosecutors' Training seminars sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General.

In addition, the attorney advises department management on various matters dealing with the operation of 25 State Parks.

In 2014, the attorney assisted and advised the department and commission on matters ranging from promulgating regulations in compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act, to assisting sister agencies in the development of public works projects. The attorney also provided advice and counsel on more recent inter-governmental efforts regarding finalizing claims arising out of the Deepwater Horizon/BP Oil Spill. In addition, the attorney provides continuing advice and counsel on compliance with State purchasing regulations as well as the regulations of the Personnel Services Contract Review Board. Risk management issues at state parks and wildlife management areas remain a high priority for the department. The attorney maintains a close working relationship with the Tort Claims Board in order to ensure that claims are processed promptly, as well as providing support and assistance to law firms hired by the Tort Claims Board to defend the Department in liability suits. All regulations promulgated by the commission are filed by the legal staff with the Secretary of State's office under the Administrative Procedures Act.

The legal staff also assists departmental staff in advising the Chairmen of the Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees of both the House and Senate when reviewing proposed legislation, drafting changes and researching legislation. The attorney also took an active role in national and regional Wildlife organizations such as the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) and the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA). Participating on the Legal Committees of these organizations, Mr. Mann has contributed to official comments on proposed federal regulations affecting interstate movement of captive deer, elk and other cervids and control of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and proposed rules regarding the public waters of the United States. He has also advised the department and the Attorney General's Office on participation in amicus briefs on matters affecting wildlife and natural resources, such as cases involving the Endangered Species Act and similar issues. Mr. Mann continues to provide any other legal support that is needed by the Department.

Support Services Division

The Attorney General's Support Services Division is responsible for providing overall administrative and technical support to the Office in the areas of finance and accounting, budgeting, human resources and personnel, grant management and reporting, purchasing, payroll, maintenance of the law library, management of interagency legal contracts and information systems.

Finance and Accounting

Support Services is responsible for the management of day-to-day accounting activities through the Statewide Automated Accounting System (SAAS) and analysis of financial reports and preparation of cost projections to manage agency funds and to ensure compliance with spending authority requirements contained in the Agency's appropriation bill. In Fiscal Year 2015, the SAAS system will be replaced with a new accounting system for the State of Mississippi. This accounting system will be known as MAGIC.

The Finance and Accounting area also prepares Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) financial statements and related information for inclusion in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the preparation of the Agency's indirect cost plan and negotiation of the indirect cost rate with the Federal Division of Cost Allocation

Support Services is also responsible for the administration of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund. Mississippi Code Section 45-2-21 (1972, annotated) transferred supervision of this fund from the Department of Public Safety to the Attorney General's Office beginning July 1, 2006. Any actively employed law enforcement officer or fire fighter who is accidentally or intentionally injured in the line of duty as the direct result of a single incident is eligible to receive benefits. If approved, the Attorney General's Office will make a monthly disability payment equal to 34% of the covered individual's regular base salary at the time of injury. If the covered individual also receives workers' compensation benefits, then payments from the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund will be limited to the difference between the workers' compensation benefits and the amount of the covered individual's regular base salary. Up to 12 payments for any single injury can be made. Applications and instructions for submission are posted on the Attorney General's Website at www.agjimhood.state.ms.us.

Budgeting

The Budgeting area includes the planning and preparation of the Agency's annual budget for submission to the Legislative Budget Office; this process includes reviewing and compiling financial information for all funds and programs and maintaining systems and methods to capture performance measurement data to comply with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994." A part of the budgeting process is the compilation of supplemental information on program accomplishments and assistance for Legislative Budget Hearings through compilation of costs associated with new, expanding, and/or existing programs. The culmination of the budgeting process is the preparation of the Agency's Z-1 budget with subsequent revisions as necessary throughout the fiscal year. An additional part of the legislative budget process is the preparation of the personal services budget as required by the State Personnel Board which ensures adequate manpower in accomplishing the Office's mandates.

Human Resources and Personnel

The Human Resources and Personnel area ensures compliance with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations regarding employment and employees (SPB, Section 125, FLSA, Title VII, FMLA, HIPAA, COBRA, etc.). Other functions of this area include maintaining agency, position, and employee data in SPAHRS; ensuring that leave usage complies with state and federal laws; conducting employee orientation; coordinating Benefits Training and Cafeteria Plan Enrollment; ensuring uniform implementation of Performance Appraisal Review (PAR); and maintaining the Office's organizational chart.

Grant Management and Reporting

Support Services provides financial and administrative support to all divisions within the Office working under grants and contracts. This support includes assisting with the preparation of grant applications and budgets, interpreting grant language, making recommendation on implementation, and fulfilling all grant reporting requirements, e.g., Federal Financial Reports (FFRs), Cost Reimbursement Reports, Federal Cash Transactions Reports, and various programmatic reports. During fiscal year 2014, the Office entered into over $4,165,528 in grants/contracts with DHHS/OIG-Medicaid Fraud, Public Safety, Department of Justice, Food and Drug Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture and U. S. Marshals Service.

Purchasing, Property Management, Space Management

Support Services is responsible for all procurement of goods and services for the Office in compliance with the Department of Finance and Administration and ITS including preparation of bid specifications and local advertisement for certain goods, negotiation of building leases, office moves and space management.

Payroll

Support Services is responsible for processing a monthly payroll for 280+ full-time employees utilizing the Statewide Payroll and Human Resources System (SPAHRS) inclusive of maintaining direct deposit information and balancing/payment of deductions and for processing a bi-weekly payroll for 70-100 individuals including interns, minors participating in alcohol and tobacco enforcement and other contractual workers.

Law Library

The law librarian is responsible for all library materials received by the Office; handling book orders, cancellations, and account inquiries/problems; verifying statements from book vendors; updating all current library materials; and maintaining library records on the Inmagic database. The librarian also maintains a directory of Westlaw passwords and trains employees on Westlaw, often assisting attorneys in their legal research.

Management of Interagency Contracts and Outside Legal Counsel

During fiscal year 2014, the Attorney General's Office entered into 70 interagency contracts to provide legal services to various state agencies, boards and commissions. Support Services prepares all contracts, computes costs, maintains all contracts on file, makes adjustments when necessary, prepares invoices and ensures collection of amounts billed. Additionally, Support Services is responsible for ensuring the review and processing of all Outside Legal Counsel Contracts.

Information Systems

The Information Systems (IS) staff provides software/hardware support for the Office's Wide Area Network (WAN). The WAN includes staff housed in the Walter Sillers Building, Bolden Office Building, the North Mississippi Office located in Houston, as well as staff housed in other state agencies. IS provides assistance with Office Suite software, on-line Legal Research and Internet access. The Office supports and maintains its own web site which is regularly updated with Press releases and consumer news. The IS staff supports and creates reports for an in-house case management system (CRIMES) that is used office-wide to track case information and time entry.

The Office is currently working with the Attorney General's Office Cyber Crimes Unit program CRIMES to allow electronic submission of Consumer complaints. The Office is in the process of implementing a state-wide case management system for the District Attorneys. The system is located at the Attorney General's Office in Jackson. Future plans will include an interface with NCIC to provide case disposition data. The Office is also currently working to implement a Domestic Violence Uniform Reporting system and a Protective Order Registry. Both of these will be state-wide repository data systems with search capability via NCIC.

Funds Recovered During Fiscal Year 2014

Source of Funds	Amount	Disposition
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit - Restitution & Civil Penalties	$16,532,524	State of MS, Division of Medicaid, Attorney General & Federal Government
Consumer Protection Division - Restitution, Investigative Costs & Fees	$691,629	State of MS, Attorney General, Consumers & Citizens
Consumer Protection Settlement - Affinion Group	$25,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Consumer Protection AVC Settlement - Google Safari	$273,595	State of MS, Attorney General
Public Integrity Division - Fines, Fees & Investigative Costs	$16,718	State of MS, Attorney General
Civil Litigation Division - Audit Recoveries & Ethics Matters	$2,350,473	State of MS
Medicaid - Subrogation; Estate Recovery; Special Needs Trusts & Income Trusts	$3,421,770	State of MS, Division of Medicaid
MDOT- W'Comp Subrogated Claims; Motor Vehicle Damage & Other Property Damage	$152,448	State of MS, MDOT & Citizens
Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$263,427	State of MS, Attorney General
Johnson & Johnson - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$5,400,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Schering-Plough Securities Litigation	$39,080	PERS, Attorney General
GlaxoSmithKline - Avandia Settlement	$40,000,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Pfizer, Inc. - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$12,600,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Eisai, Inc - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$680,000	State of MS, Attorney General
LG Display - Settlement	$3,922,875	State of MS, Attorney General
BASF Corporation et al - Vitamin Litigation	$22,969,366	State of MS, Attorney General
Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$800,000	State of MS, Attorney General
TAP Pharmaceutical Products, Inc. - Average Wholesale- Price Litigation	$800,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Discover, et al - Settlement	$2,013,353	State of MS, Attorney General
Diamond Foods, Inc. - Securities Litigation	$10,000	PERS, Attorney General
JP Morgan Chase - Settlement	$2,058,758	State of MS, Attorney General
Bank of America - Settlement	$1,372,357	State of MS, Attorney General
Bayer - Average Wholesale Price Litigation	$600,000	State of MS, Attorney General
Total Funds Recovered	**$116,993,373**	

Expenses During Fiscal Year 2014

Actual Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

Personal Services	
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	$23,064,688
Travel and Subsistence (In-State)	$896,164
Travel and Subsistence (Out-of-State)	$200,654
Total Personal Services	$24,161,506
Contractual Services	
Tuition	$88,933
Communications and Utilities	$89,793
Public Information	$4,042
Rents	$1,184,085
Repairs and Services	$68,971
Fees, Professional and Other Services	$2,456,266
Other Contractual Services	$243,927
Data Processing	$844,721
Other	$38,004
Total Contractual Services	$5,018,742
Commodities	
Printing and Office Supplies and Materials	$184,763
Equipment, Repair Parts, Supplies and Accessories	$232,546
Professional and Scientific Supplies and Materials	$0
Other Supplies and Materials	$266,241
Total Commodities	$683,550
Capital Outlay	
Vehicles	$388,983
Office Machines, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	$1,900
IS Equipment (Data Processing & Telecommunications)	$140,000
Other Equipment	$29,293
Wireless Communication Devices	$950
Total Capital Outlay	$561,126
Subsides, Loans & Grants	
Total Subsides, Loans & Grants	$2,240,935
Total Expenditures	$32,665,859

Report of State-Owned Automobiles

Description	Miles Traveled in FY 2014	Depreciation Expense FY 2014
2004 Ford F-150 Truck	22,241	Fully Depreciated
2009 Chevrolet Impala	12,929	Fully Depreciated
2009 Chevrolet Impala	20,833	Fully Depreciated
2009 Chevrolet Impala	24,387	Fully Depreciated
2009 Ford F-150	22,167	Fully Depreciated
2009 Ford F-150	17,730	Fully Depreciated
2009 Jeep Cherokee	20,301	Fully Depreciated
2009 Jeep Cherokee	19,866	Fully Depreciated
2009 Jeep Cherokee	24,421	Fully Depreciated
2009 Jeep Cherokee	19,550	Fully Depreciated
2010 Ford Fusion	18,454	Fully Depreciated
2010 Ford Fusion	24,952	Fully Depreciated
2010 Ford Fusion	12,186	Fully Depreciated
2010 Dodge Charger	14,559	Fully Depreciated
2010 Dodge Charger	41,716	Fully Depreciated
2010 Dodge Charger	12,777	Fully Depreciated
2011 Chevrolet Silverado	18,122	$1,488
2012 Chevrolet Impala	16,127	$4,850
2012 Chevrolet Impala	32,502	$4,850
2012 Dodge Caravan	22,272	$5,783
2013 Chevrolet Impala	29,472	$5,000
2013 Chevrolet Impala	23,327	$5,000
2013 Chevrolet Impala	18,810	$5,000
2013 Dodge Charger	19,006	$6,306
2013 Dodge Charger	31,895	$6,306
2013 Dodge Charger	18,354	$6,306
2013 Dodge Charger	39,296	$6,306
2013 Dodge Charger	21,532	$6,306
2013 Ford F-150	17,129	$6,722
2014 Ford Explorer	15,117	$6,396
2014 Ford Explorer	16,870	$6,396
2014 Ford Explorer	21,322	$6,396
2014 Ford Explorer	25,631	$6,396
2014 Chevrolet Tahoe	13,389	$5,118
2014 Ram Truck	9,431	$2,845
2014 Dodge Charger	13,092	$2,678
2014 Dodge Charger	7,729	$2,678
2014 Dodge Charger	5,704	$2,678
2014 Dodge Charger	33,762	$2,678
2014 Dodge Charger	8,515	$2,678
2014 Chevorlet Impala	4,839	$1,628
2012 Chevrolet Tahoe	5,249	$4,144

Description	Miles Traveled in FY 2014	Depreciation Expense FY 2014
2014 Ford F-150	3,238	$1,843
2014 Ford Explorer	5,788	$2,283
2014 Ford Explorer	12,351	$2,283
2014 Chevorlet Impala	3,886	$1,628
2014 Chevorlet Impala	5,140	$1,628
2014 Ram Truck	4,772	$1,648
2014 Ram Truck	3,335	$1,099
2014 Ram Truck	332	$1,099
Total	**856,405**	**$136,443**

Report of State Owned Automobiles

FY 2014 State-Owned Automobiles Costs

Number of State-Owned Automobiles:	50
Depreciation expense	$136,443
Repairs & maintenance, fuel, tires	$219,650
Total Costs	**$356,093**
Average Cost Per Mile:	$0.42

FY 2014 Report of Mileage in Privately Owned Automobiles

Number of Miles Traveled in Privately Owned Automobiles:	823,276
Average Cost Per Mile:	$0.56
Total Costs for Mileage in Privately Owned Automobiles:	**$461,035**

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