

Office of the Attorney General



2021 Budget Presentation



Statutory Duties of the Attorney General

Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 3-125 (excerpted)

- **The Attorney General shall have general supervision over all legal matters in which the state is an interested party, except those legal matters over which prosecuting officers have direction.**
- He shall appear for the state, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Comptroller, and for all heads of departments and state boards, commissioners, agents, inspectors, committees, auditors, chemists, directors, harbor masters, and institutions and for the State Librarian in all suits and other civil proceedings, except upon criminal recognizances and bail bonds, in which the state is a party or is interested, or in which the official acts and doings of said officers are called in question, and for all members of the state House of Representatives and the state Senate in all suits and other civil proceedings brought against them involving their official acts and doings in the discharge of their duties as legislators, in any court or other tribunal, as the duties of his office require; and all such suits shall be conducted by him or under his direction.
- **[H]e shall represent the public interest in the protection of any gifts, legacies or devises intended for public or charitable purposes. All legal services required by such officers and boards in matters relating to their official duties shall be performed by the Attorney General or under his direction.**
- He shall, when required by either house of the General Assembly or when requested by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, or the majority leader or the minority leader of the Senate or House of Representatives, give his opinion upon questions of law submitted to him by either of said houses or any of said leaders. He shall advise or give his opinion to the head of any executive department or any state board or commission upon any question of law submitted to him. He may procure such assistance as he may require.



FY 2020 Caseload

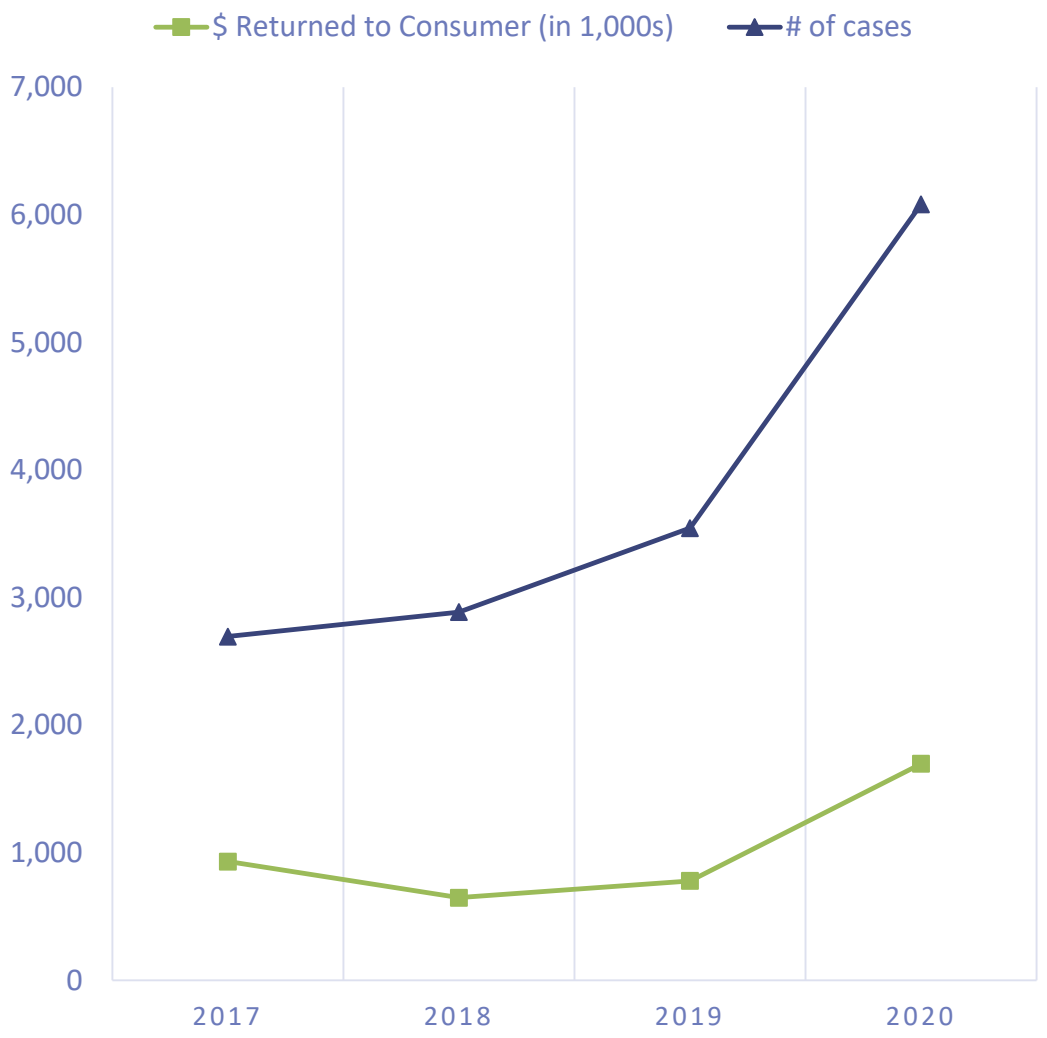
- 38,000 court cases
- 300 appeals, with another 265 appeals pending
- 6,500 administrative proceedings
- Examined more than 7,400 legal documents
- 42 formal opinions
- Responded to thousands of consumer complaints



2020 Caseload

- Constituent services
 - Legislative referrals
 - Consumer contracts (Weddings, travel, etc.)
- Price Gouging
 - Submitted bill to update statute
- Elections challenges
- Executive Orders
- Tropical Storm Isaias

INCREASE IN CONSUMER COMPLAINTS





Representing the State

- Agencies, Boards, Commissions
- Child Protection – over 6,600 cases
- Child Support Enforcement – over 10,000 cases
- General Litigation – over 300 cases
- Public Safety
- Health and Education



OAG Return on Investment

- Since FY 2008-09 the OAG has saved and obtained for the state \$ 6,697,190,753. This is roughly **17.5 times** the total investment in the OAG
- In FY 2019-20 the OAG returned nearly **13 times** what it cost the state.



“Punching above our weight”

- Antitrust
 - Generic Drugs
 - Big Tech (Google and Facebook)
- Privacy
 - Home Depot Data Breach
- Opioids
 - Distributors and Manufacturers
- Environment
 - Exxon lawsuit

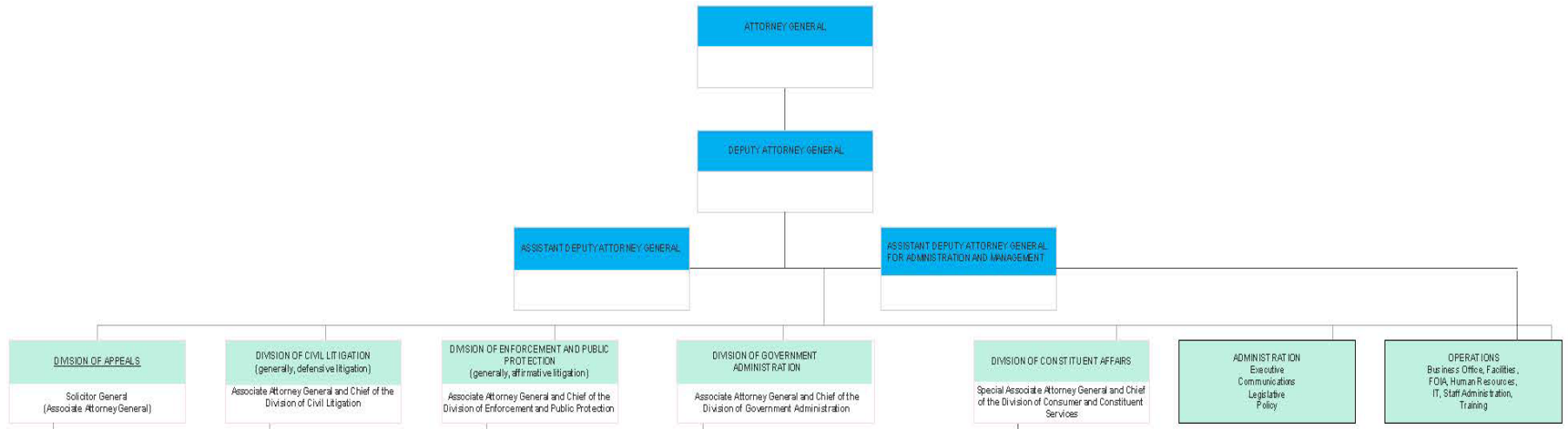


Recent and Upcoming Settlements

- Consumer Protection
 - Honda - \$2.4 million
 - Apple - \$1.8 million
 - Surgical mesh - \$848,815
- Privacy
 - Anthem - \$3.8 million
- Opioids
 - McKinsey - \$7.5 million
- Upcoming
 - Opioid distributors and J&J
 - Generics price-fixing



Modernizing OAG Structure



- Divisional Structure, comprised of Sections
- New Division of Government Administration
- Improved lateral flexibility and increased career pathways
- Focus on diversity, equity and inclusion



Upcoming Staffing Challenges

- Roughly 80 staff members eligible for retirement next year and several have already retired
- Loss of institutional knowledge
- Division Directors and Section Chiefs are working on succession planning, including overlapping new hires with outgoing staff