

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Hall Hammond, Attorney General, 1954  
 J. Edgar Harvey, Deputy Attorney General  
 Robert M. Thomas, Assistant Attorney General  
 Kenneth C. Proctor, Assistant Attorney General

Special Assistant Attorney Generals:

Ward B. Coe, Jr., for Comptroller of the Treasury  
 Joseph D. Buscher, for State Roads Commission  
 Aaron A. Baer, for Department of Employment Security

Special Attorneys:

Philip T. McCusker, for State Accident Fund  
 Frederick A. Puderbaugh, for State Roads Commission  
 John B. Russell, for State Roads Commission  
 Ambrose T. Hartnett, Law Clerk

1201 Mathieson Building, Baltimore 2 Telephone: Lexington 5413

The Attorney General is elected by the people for a term of four years (Const. 1867, Art. 5, sec. 1). He is the Director of the Department of Law which was established in 1916. The Attorney General serves as legal counsel to the Governor, the General Assembly, and to all departments, boards, or commissions of the State, excepting the Public Service Commission whose counsel is appointed by the Governor. The Attorney General or his Assistants represent the State in all litigations, including criminal appeals, before the Court of Appeals. The Law Department acts as counsel to all Baltimore City officials appointed by the Governor, and to the Clerks of Courts, the Registers of Wills, the Sheriffs, the State's Attorneys, and the Trial Magistrates of the several counties and the City of Baltimore, as well as certain other county officials. The Department, however, does not represent the Boards of County Commissioners, the Boards of Education, the Boards of Supervisors of Elections or such other boards or officials of the counties who have the power to employ and appoint their own counsel. The Attorney General may render an opinion on any legal subject or matter upon the request of the Governor, the General Assembly, or either house thereof, or of any department or agency of the State (Code 1939, 1947 Supp., Art. 32A).

The administrative rules and regulations promulgated by any State officer or agency must be submitted to the Attorney General for review as to their legality before they may become effective (Acts 1949, Ch. 738).

Expenditures, 1950 .....	\$53,411.79
Appropriation, 1951 .....	54,235.00
Staff: 16.	