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The Educational Affairs Division represents all State educational agencies, institutions, boards, and commissions, including the State Department of Education, the University of Maryland System, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Baltimore City Community College, and the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. As counsel to this clientele, Division attorneys conduct court litigation and administrative proceedings, and provide day-to-day advice and preventive law counseling.

DIVISION OF SECURITIES

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The Division of Securities was established in 1962 with the passage of the Maryland Securities Act. The principal executive officer of the Division is the Securities Commissioner, who is appointed by the Attorney General.

The Securities Commissioner and the Division administer and enforce three Maryland laws: the Maryland Securities Act (Code Corporations and Associations Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-805); the Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 345-365D); and the Business Opportunities Sales Act (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 401-415).

Administration of these acts involves a substantive scheme of regulation imposed by statute and by rule requiring the registration of investment opportunities prior to their offer and sale to the public. In addition, under the Securities Act, a licensing requirement (subject to annual renewals) is imposed on persons engaged in the sale of securities. The Division enforces these laws through a comprehensive statutory framework imposing administrative, civil and criminal standards. The Divi-

sion uses investigatory powers, administrative hearings and administrative orders, litigation in State and federal courts, and cooperative efforts with State's Attorneys and assistant attorneys general in criminal matters.

MARYLAND BLUE SKY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Maryland Blue Sky Advisory Committee was created in 1962 (Chapter 1, Acts of 1962). The Committee meets, when called by the Securities Commissioner, to advise the Commissioner on any and all matters pertaining to the administration of the Maryland Securities Act, particularly on the adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules, regulations, or forms (Code Corporations and Associations Article, sec. 11-202).

The Committee's six members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Committee serves without compensation and has no staff.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

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The Legislative Office provides prompt and authoritative legal advice to legislators, General Assembly support agencies, and the Governor's legislative office. It reviews for constitutionality and legal sufficiency all bills passed by the General Assembly and defends them in court when necessary. The Office also participates in significant constitutional and civil rights litigation.

**Defunct Agencies of the
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CITIZEN INQUIRY & VICTIM ASSISTANCE UNIT

The Unit was disbanded in 1992 when the Victim Services Program was transferred to the Office of Justice Administration (Chapter 270, Acts of 1992). The *Complaint Handling Unit* of the Division of Consumer Protection, however, responds to citizen inquiries about the Program.

CIVIL SAVINGS & LOAN UNIT

Formerly under the Civil Litigation Division, the Unit was disbanded in 1992.