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The office of Attorney General was established by the Constitution of 1776 (sec. 48). In 1817, the office was abolished by Constitutional amendment (Chapter 247, Acts of 1816, ratified 1817). The General Assembly in 1818 recreated the office by statute (Chapter 146, Acts of 1817). By 1851, the Attorney General's duties were fulfilled by a State's Attorney in each county and in Baltimore City (Const. 1851, Art. V, sec. 3). The office of Attorney General was reestablished by the Constitution of 1864 (Art. V, sec. 1).

The Attorney General heads the Office of the Attorney General, formerly known as the State Law Department, which was established in 1916 (Chapter 560, Acts of 1916). The Attorney General serves as legal counsel to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Judiciary, and to all State agencies, except the State Ethics Commission, which appoints its own counsel; and the Human Relations Commission and the Public Service Commission, whose counsel is appointed by the Governor. 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 a State agency.

In all matters in which the interests of the State are involved, the Attorney General and assistant attorneys general represent the State. This includes litigation in the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the Circuit Courts, the District Court of Maryland, as well as the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Circuit Courts, and the United States District Courts. Administrative rules and regulations promulgated by a State officer or agency must be submitted to the Attorney General for review before they may become effective.

The Clerks of Court, the Registers of Wills, the Sheriffs, and the State's Attorneys of the counties and Baltimore City also are represented by the Attorney General's Office. Yet, the Office does not represent boards or officials of the counties or Baltimore City that employ their own counsel, such

as the Boards of Education, or the Boards of Supervisors of Elections (except in Baltimore City).

The Attorney General co-chairs the Family Violence Council. The Attorney General also serves on the Board of State Canvassers; the Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice; the Commission on Correctional Standards; the Police Training Commission; the Correctional Training Commission; the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board; the State Board of Victim Services; the State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission; and the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee. The Attorney General also is a member of the Governor's Commission on Adoption, and the Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence.

The Attorney General is elected by the voters to a four-year term (Const., Art. V, sec. 1). The number of consecutive terms which an Attorney General may serve is not limited. The Attorney General must be a citizen of the State and a qualified voter who has resided and practiced law in Maryland for at least ten years prior to election. Though not specified by law, the Attorney General by custom takes office on December 20 following the election.

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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The Deputy Attorney General oversees administration, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and six divisions: Antitrust; Civil Litigation; Consumer Protection; Contract Litigation; Criminal Appeals; and Criminal Investigations. The Deputy Attorney General also is responsible for assistant attorneys general assigned to certain State government agencies.

PRO BONO PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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Formed in 1989, the Pro Bono Program Committee coordinates and oversees the Attorney General's Pro Bono Program. Under this program, the first of its kind in the country, lawyers in the Attorney General's Office donate their time to provide legal services to the poor. Appointed by the Attorney General, the Committee sets policy for the Program, provides its administrative support, and resolves any question about potential conflicts of interest.

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