



ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2018



In January, we joined the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to train state and local LEO at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy on the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking crimes.



In May, we hosted the 8th Annual Candlelight Vigil for Fallen Officers with the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police, remembering the officers who lost their lives and honoring their families.



AG Hood hosts opioid overdose training for first responders

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DEAR FRIENDS,

As your attorney general, I have committed my public life to protecting the families of our great state. Our 2018 Annual Report reflects that commitment, and I am proud to present it to you. The work and dedication of our experienced team in the Office of Attorney General is highlighted in the next 40 pages.

Every day, our staff members come to work ready to help you, whether that's handling a consumer issue, resolving a child support situation, holding public officials accountable, protecting loved ones from abuse, or training our state's law enforcement on ways to better protect you.

Our work this past fiscal year included the recovery of \$52,400,670 in funds owed to Mississippians from unscrupulous corporations and criminals. Almost half of this amount—\$25,307,091—was from a settlement in our Average Wholesale Price (AWP) litigation against Watson Pharmaceuticals. The Mississippi Supreme Court found that this company defrauded the state by manipulating the prices it charged for its drugs to the state Medicaid program, costing taxpayers over \$7 million. Watson reported AWP's that grossly exceeded the actual prices the company charged its customers, some as much as 1,000 percent.

Additionally, our Consumer Protection Division assisted more than 48,000 callers with issues of concern and recovered nearly \$3 million in restitution, penalties, and settlement recoveries. The Cybercrime Division opened 200 cases on child and online predators. This division and its work to get child predators behind bars and away from our children remains one of my strongest passions. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit secured court orders for offenders to pay more than \$10.4 million in restitution and fines. The Opinions Division issued 377 official opinions and spent 7,200 hours advising Mississippians on the laws in our state, and the Bureau of Victim Assistance helped nearly 1,000 victims of crime in their times of great need.

One of my proudest moments this year was launching the Mississippi Mental Health Task Force with more than 40 members, ranging from state agencies, social workers, private industry leaders, elected officials, medical professionals, and more. This is the first time a diverse group of voices and backgrounds has been brought to the table together to discuss the problems with Mississippi's approach to mental health. The task force, among other things, hopes to streamline the currently confusing process for receiving a commitment to our state's mental health hospitals, identify ways in which we can address a person's illness rather than putting them in prison, and draft effective legislation to fund vital areas of mental health services across the state. I've enjoyed serving on this task force and look forward to continuing this important work into the next fiscal year.



**ATTORNEY GENERAL
JIM HOOD**

These results and more were achieved due to the most dedicated folks in Mississippi who work in this office. Our staff members are true public servants. The work they do can be grueling, but each staff member has your safety in mind with every investigation opened and each case closed. There is no greater joy than making our state a stronger, safer place to call home.

In a proud moment of recognition, one of our own, Investigator Tonya Mangus, was named a 2018 Crimestoppers Top Cop! Investigator Mangus serves in our Public Integrity Division, focusing on crimes in public corruption, insurance and voter fraud, sex crimes, and human trafficking. In addition to her investigative work, Tonya frequently trains law enforcement officers in de-escalation tactics, which are extremely important skills for officers to have when encountering a person with a mental illness. We are lucky to have Tonya on our team, and Mississippi is lucky to have a passionate law enforcement officer protecting them every day!

I hope that you are equally as proud of the work that the Mississippi Attorney General's Office has accomplished this past year. It is my duty to protect the least among us, and in this office, we take that charge seriously in all that we do.

Sincerely yours,


Jim Hood

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Attorney General Hood talks with summer legal interns.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Mississippi Attorney General's Office recognizes the important role played by the media in our efforts to serve the people in our state and supports an open relationship with members of the press. Margaret Ann Morgan serves as Director of Communications, and Rachael Ring is the Public Information Officer. The Communications Division is responsible for writing and distributing news releases and agency publications, planning public events, and sharing the work of the office through social media.



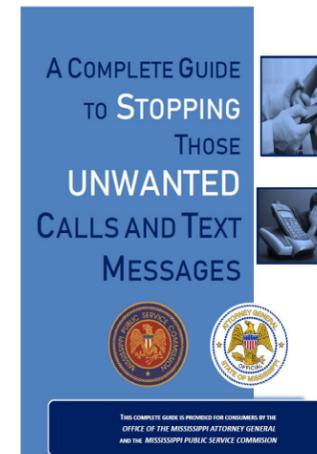
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Additionally, the Mississippi Attorney General's Office strives to keep the state's families, adolescents, and elderly safe through prevention, education, and awareness.

The Division of Communications increased its public education efforts with the release of four new brochures, adding to the more than 40 brochures published by the AG's office. A description of the new brochures is below, and all are downloadable for the public's use at www.agjimhood.com

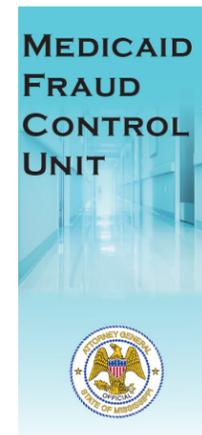
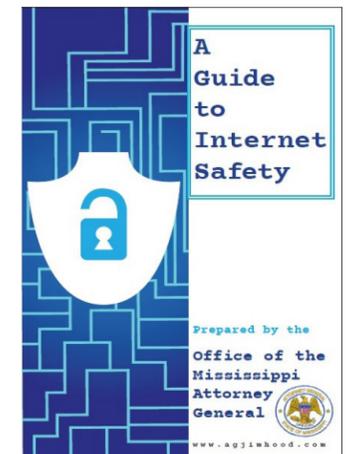


Robocalls

Mississippians are flooded with robocalls from scammers, and the AG's office is helping consumers learn how to block or filter those unwanted calls in several ways through this directional guide. Resources are included for both wireless and traditional landlines.

Internet Safety

This guide helps parents, teachers, and anyone in a child's life explain the basics of online safety. In a constantly changing world of the internet, it has the most up-to-date terms and apps used by this generation and the threats they pose.

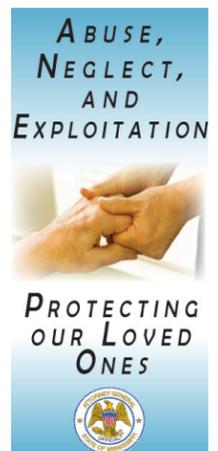


Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

This pamphlet outlines examples of Medicaid fraud and who is in a position of mandatory reporting if fraud occurs. It outlines the differences in abuse, neglect, and exploitation, lists the legal definition of vulnerable person, and provides contact information for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, where fraud can be reported.

Vulnerable Persons

Keeping our loved ones safe is so important, especially when they are vulnerable. This brochure offers ways to protect an elderly or otherwise vulnerable loved one from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. It also explains the differences between the AG's Vulnerable Person Unit and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.



BUREAU OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE



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.

FISCAL YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

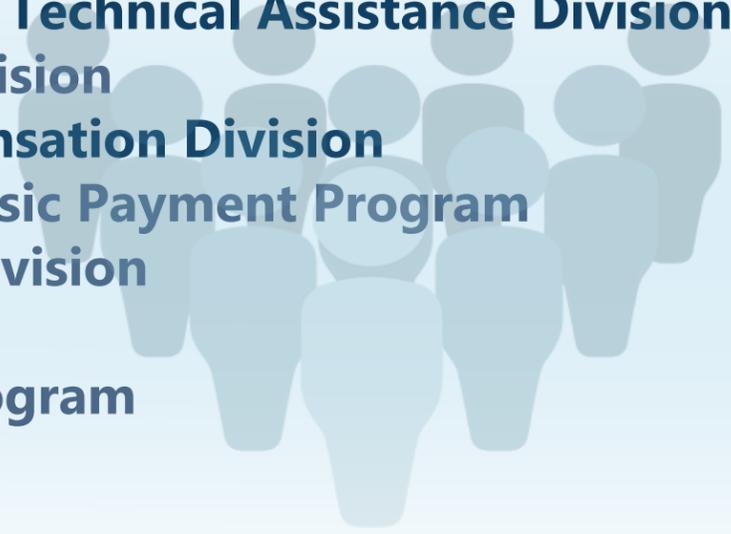
Assisted **999** victims of violent and non-violent crimes and provided approximately **3,619** units of service



Provided technical assistance to more than **1,800** on the Domestic Abuse Protection Order Registry and Uniform Domestic Violence Offense Reporting System

DIVISIONS COMPRISED BY THE BUREAU:

- Address Confidentiality Program
- Advocacy Training & Technical Assistance Division
- Children Services Division
- Crime Victim Compensation Division
- Sexual Assault Forensic Payment Program
- Domestic Violence Division
- Human Trafficking
- Victim Assistance Program



Trained more than **2,700** law enforcement officers and dispatchers



Trained **72** nurses in Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner certification

Trained **2,200** professionals, including social workers, advocates, private attorneys, community members, and faith-based groups

Trained more than **537** judges, clerks, and prosecutors on state law related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, strangulation, and human trafficking



Awarded **\$2,412,055** and received **1,020** claim applications



Received a federal grant for **\$1,177,000**



Bureau of Victim Assistance paid **\$291,039** to cover costs of sexual assault medical forensic examinations

CIVIL LITIGATION

The primary purpose of the Civil Litigation Division is to provide trial and appellate court counsel in state and federal courts for state agencies, officials, and employees when sued in connection with their official duties. The division also defends district attorneys and state judges when those officials are sued. The civil actions include a wide range of constitutional issues, Title VII employment matters, voting rights, prisoner cases, contracts, § 1983 actions for damages, suits for injunctions, audit demands, ethics issues, and many other matters which can arise from the various functions of state government.

During FY 2018, among other various matters, attorneys in the Civil Litigation Division:



-  Opened 184 cases
-  Resolved 114 cases
-  Handled 121 other cases filed by prisoners challenging the conditions of their confinement at state prisons
-  Obtained a positive outcome in 99 percent of the cases resolved

PROTECTING IMPORTANT STATEWIDE INTERESTS

Justice, et al. v. Delbert Hosemann, et al. (United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi). Several individuals filed suit challenging the election laws which require persons or groups who spend in excess of \$200 to influence elections to register and to disclose their contributions and expenditures. Plaintiffs argued that the disclosure requirements violated their First Amendment rights. The attorney general argued that campaign disclosure requirements educate voters and deter criminal activity. The federal district court sided with the Plaintiffs and declared the law unconstitutional. On appeal, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit reversed the district court and found the law to be constitutional. Plaintiffs sought review by the United States Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court declined to review the matter.

RECOVERING FUNDS DUE TO THE STATE

Mississippi Surplus Lines Association v. J.K. Stringer, Jr. (United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi). 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. 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.

DEFENDING STATE AGENCIES AND STATE STATUTES

Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center v. Mississippi Department of Corrections, (Hinds County Chancery Court) (Mississippi Supreme Court) The Civil Litigation Division and Criminal Division jointly and successfully represented the Mississippi Department of Corrections and obtained a final judgment in favor of the agency. The plaintiff, an advocacy group representing condemned inmates, alleged that the Mississippi Department of Corrections violated the Public Records Act by declining to produce highly confidential and sensitive information concerning suppliers of execution drugs to the State. The Mississippi Supreme Court ultimately held that the documents and information sought by plaintiff were confidential and exempt from production, and rendered a decision in favor of the Department.

AUDIT SECTION

The Civil Litigation Division also provides litigation support to the Office of State Auditor. In that role, the Civil Litigation Division has recovered nearly \$500,000 in misspent state and local funds through litigation.

Former Coroner, Mark Golding. A written formal demand in the amount of \$398,418.83 was issued. Golding entered a guilty plea 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.

CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

The Consumer Protection Division is charged with administering the Consumer Protection Act. The Act provides enforcement tools for the division to address unfair or deceptive trade practices, as well as unfair methods of competition.



The division handles a wide range of complaints from consumers statewide. These complaints involve various forms of consumer misrepresentations or fraud, including lottery and sweepstakes scams, misrepresentations related to new and used car sales, deceptive advertising, unfair business practices, and more.

EDUCATION EFFORTS AND OUTREACH

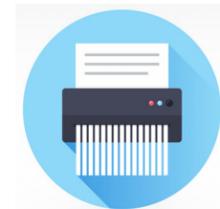
The Consumer Protection Division presented numerous speeches, presentations and exhibits across Mississippi in an effort to educate consumers regarding scams, identity theft, intellectual property crimes, disaster related crimes, home repair fraud, and mortgage/foreclosure issues.

12TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SHRED DAYS

The Consumer Protection Division held its 12th annual Community Shred Days event in March 2018. Events were hosted in Jackson, Tupelo, Hattiesburg, and D'Iberville as an easy and free way for consumers to safely get rid of sensitive paper documents. Consumers could bring up to three bags or boxes of sensitive paper documents to be shredded at no charge.



More than 500 consumers attended the shred day event at The Home Depot in Jackson.



38,290
Pounds of
paper shredded



1,184
Consumers
safely rid of
sensitive paper
documents

This event is an opportunity for consumers to better protect themselves against identity theft. Shred Days coincide with National Consumer Protection Week.



PROSECUTES HOME REPAIR FRAUD INVESTIGATES IDENTITY THEFT CASES

The division is charged with the investigation and prosecution of identity theft, home repair fraud, intellectual property crimes, and other criminal statutes.

4 Home repair fraud cases opened

HOME REPAIR FRAUD CASES

EDDIE JONES, of Jackson, was sentenced following his indictment and arrest for embezzlement under contract in Madison County. Jones was sentenced to serve ten years and ordered to pay full restitution to the victim in the amount of \$7,546.50. He was also ordered to pay all associated court costs.

TOMMY DOSSETT, of Lucedale, pleaded guilty to embezzlement under contract in Marshall County. Dossett received five years to serve and was ordered to pay restitution to the victim in the amount of \$3,600 and all associated court costs.

5 Home repair fraud arrests

63 Identity theft cases opened

IDENTITY THEFT CASES

KENNETH LAMAR BLAKENEY, of Chickasaw County, converted numerous individuals' personal information into credit cards, online checking accounts, and other financial instruments for his own gain between November 2017 and January 2018. Blakeney pleaded guilty to one felony count of identity theft, four felony counts of fraudulent use of identity, and one count of the sale of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to 40 years in prison with five years of post-release supervision and ordered to pay fees and court costs. At the time of the crimes, Blakeney was on parole for drug related crimes and had been indicted for the sale of methamphetamine to undercover Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics agents.

MARIO AUGUSTIN-VICENTE AND JORGE XOLOT-PROMOTOR, both residents of Forest County, each pleaded guilty to identity theft and were both sentenced to five years suspended with credit for time served and released into the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

2 Intellectual property crime arrests

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CASES

Russell Haynie and Seth Driver, both of Corinth, were running a brick and mortar building business in Alcorn County selling a large volume of counterfeit textile, electronics, and coins. Haynie and Driver were selling the counterfeit goods at the retail location and on Ebay. More than \$400,000 worth of counterfeit goods were seized during the raid and arrest of Haynie and Driver. Homeland Security and the Corinth Police Department assisted our office with this case. Driver pleaded guilty to the crime and was placed on probation and will receive a non-adjudication in the event he does not violate probation. Driver also was fined by the court.

Haynie was arrested for a second time at his residence in Alcorn County for the sale of counterfeit goods. Haynie had more than \$3 million worth of goods in his home. His bond from his initial arrest in 2016 by the Attorney General's Office for the sale of counterfeit goods was revoked. Haynie is awaiting trial or a plea in this case and has already pleaded guilty to federal charges stemming from this case.

7 Arrests for crimes related to embezzlement under contract, mail fraud, wire fraud, false pretense

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CASES

LUDIE MAE HICKS, of Hollandale, pleaded guilty and was sentenced in Washington County for one count of uttering forgery. Hicks was also ordered to pay \$1,425 in fines and fees. Hicks used the checks she forged to spend more than \$1,000 at the Greenville Walmart. Though the checks were fraudulent, the account number listed was affiliated with the Mississippi Care Center of Greenville, which caused the money to be taken from the care center's bank account.

ANTHONY LEISURE, of Greenville, was arrested and pleaded guilty for wire fraud and mail fraud. Leisure received a sentence of non-adjudication for a period of three years and was ordered to pay \$750 in restitution, \$1,000 to the Mississippi Attorney General's investigative fund and all associated court costs.

CHRIS LANE DBA DISCOUNT MINERS
Chris Lane, of Jackson County, refunded \$12,800 to the victim upon complaint and investigation conducted by our Consumer Protection Division. The complaint stemmed from the purchase of five bitcoin mining units.

8 Arrests made in assistance of task force

FIGHTS COUNTERFEIT GOODS



\$13.5 Million Bipartisan Multistate Settlement Concerning Deceptive Promotion of Prescription Drugs

In December, the attorney general announced that a settlement was reached in a multistate investigation involving Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc. (BIPI) and its promotion of the following drugs: Atrovent®, Combivent®, Micardis® and Aggrenox®. The investigation, which started in 2013, focused on allegations that BIPI violated state consumer protection laws by engaging in off-label marketing campaigns that improperly marketed these drugs. Specifically, BIPI unlawfully marketed these drugs for a variety of non-FDA approved uses, promoted the sale and use of Combivent and Atrovent at doses that exceeded those covered by the federal health care programs, made unsubstantiated claims about the efficacy of Aggrenox in comparison to other drugs, and paid kickbacks to health care professionals as an incentive to prescribe BIPI drugs to their patients. The settlement includes both injunctive relief and a monetary payment to the states totaling \$13,500,000.

Mississippi's portion was \$175,307.57

In addition to the monetary payment, the settlement specifically recites the prohibition against deceptive promotional activities and requirement of representations consistent with product labeling, and requires dissemination of notices of FDA warning letters to sales reps. The settlement also:

- Limits product sampling of the four targeted products to health care providers whose clinical practice is consistent with the FDA product labeling, and requires referral of requests for samples by other health care providers to BIPI Medical;
- Prohibits BIPI's financial incentives for sales that may indicate off-label use of a targeted product;
- Specifically addresses and controls development and dissemination of medical information responses to ensure clinically relevant information is provided in an unbiased manner that is distinct from promotional materials;
- Requires requests for off-label information regarding a targeted product be referred to BIPI Medical; and,
- Provides guidance and terms under which BIPI Medical can disseminate off-label information to health care providers.

Mississippians Eligible for Payment from \$45M Settlement with PHH Mortgage Corporation

In January, the attorney general announced that approximately 270 Mississippians would receive a note in the mail letting them know they were eligible for payments starting at \$285 after a \$45 million settlement was reached with New Jersey-based mortgage lender and servicer PHH Mortgage Corporation for the company's improper servicing of mortgage loans.

PHH, the nation's ninth largest non-bank residential mortgage servicer, improperly serviced mortgage loans from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012. Examples of these improper services included but were not limited to: failing to maintain accurate account statements, failing to timely and accurately apply payments made by borrowers, failing to properly process borrowers' applications for loan modifications, and failing to maintain adequate documentation to determine whether PHH had standing to foreclose.

Borrowers who were subjected to PHH foreclosures during the eligible period will qualify for a minimum \$840 payment, and borrowers who faced foreclosures that PHH initiated during the eligible period, but did not lose their home, will receive a minimum \$285 payment. Approximately 270 Mississippians are eligible for a payment. A settlement administrator will contact eligible payment recipients via U.S. mail at a later date.

"Our settlement holds PHH accountable for harms homeowners suffered from improper loan servicing and shows our continued dedication to this area," said General Hood. "The agreement requires new servicing standards to help ensure that PHH doesn't repeat conduct that led to improper mortgage servicing and provides financial relief to aggrieved homeowners."

The settlement agreement- reached by the attorney general alongside 48 other state attorneys general, the District of Columbia, and more than 45 state mortgage regulators- requires PHH to adhere to comprehensive mortgage servicing standards, conduct audits, and provide audit results to a committee of states. The settlement does not release PHH from liability for conduct that occurred beginning in 2013.

PHH Mortgage

PHH



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DATA BREACH

Mississippi Receives \$100,000 from Nationwide Insurance Data Breach Settlement

In August, the attorney general, alongside 32 other state attorneys general, reached a settlement with the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and its subsidiary, Allied Property & Casualty Insurance Company, concerning an October 2012 data breach. This settlement enforces stricter online security at Nationwide.

\$100,469.42 was delivered to our office to be spent on future consumer protection efforts

The data breach, which was alleged to have been caused by the failure to apply a critical security patch, resulted in the loss of personal information belonging to 1.27 million consumers, including their social security numbers, driver's license numbers, credit scoring information, and other personal data. The lost personal information was collected by Nationwide in order to provide insurance quotes to consumers applying for insurance.



Mississippi Receives \$1.47 Million from Settlement with General Motors Company Over Defective Ignition Switch

In October, the attorney general announced that Mississippi would receive

\$1,470,156.60

from a \$120 million multi-state settlement with General Motors Company ("GM"). The case resulted from a multistate investigation of General Motors related to the auto manufacturer's failure to disclose in a timely manner known safety defects associated with unintended key-rotation-related and/or ignition-switch-related issues in several models and model years of General Motors vehicles. General Motors agreed to not misrepresent the safety of its vehicles and to other injunctive relief.

CRIMINAL LITIGATION

APPELLATE

DEATH PENALTY

The Criminal Litigation Division is comprised of three sections: Appellate Section and Death Penalty 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.

-  Filed 332 briefs and 38 miscellaneous responses in the Mississippi Supreme Court and the Mississippi Court of Appeals
-  Had 13 oral arguments
-  Processed 69 extraditions
-  Won 93 percent of the criminal cases disposed of by the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

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.

-  Filed 72 briefs and responses
-  Had 18 oral arguments and/or hearings
-  Won 73 percent of cases

FEDERAL HABEAS CORPUS

The attorneys in the Federal Habeas Corpus Division represent the State of Mississippi in non-death penalty habeas corpus proceedings in all federal courts and handle challenges to all non-death penalty convictions and pleas in the state. Briefs and responses filed by the federal habeas attorneys are carefully researched and precisely argued to ensure that lawful convictions and sentences are upheld by the federal courts. Attorneys also investigate, research, and respond to federal habeas petition challenging pretrial detention, detainers, loss of earned time or computation of sentence.

-  Filed 113 responses to new petitions
-  Filed 89 responses and motions
-  Filed 3 5th Circuit Briefs
-  Participated in 4 Evidentiary Hearings and Arguments

COURT RULINGS

Habeas Won: 91
Habeas Lost: 0
5th Circuit Appeals Won: 1



CARROLL GARTIN JUSTICE BUILDING
SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI
COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Cyber Crime Fusion Center



The division operates the only statewide digital forensics laboratory, which has been used to obtain and analyze thousands of electronic items related to hundreds of criminal cases statewide.

The forensics lab performed **457** examinations for a total of **79** terabytes of data.

Forensic examinations included the following media: 56 computers, 128 cellular devices, 153 optical disks, and 120 other external media or digital devices

Conducted **374** on-scene previews of digital evidence

CYBER CRIME DIVISION

The Cyber Crime Division is home to the *INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC)* program, which targets online child predators. Since its inception, the Cyber Crime Division has been the model unit for developing cyber crime units in other states.

The Cyber Crime Division provides comprehensive investigation, prosecution, training, and public awareness on crimes involving the use of a computer and the Internet.

Recovered \$308,400 in fees and assessments

The Attorney General's ICAC Task Force is made up of **80** local, state and federal law enforcement affiliate agencies with a purpose of enhancing efforts to identify and arrest child predators.



Opened **200** cases



Obtained **32** convictions



JAY HOUSTON
Commander of the ICAC Taskforce
Assistant Director of Cyber Crime Investigations



Hosted **10** ICAC training events



Conducted **51** cyber crime presentations

MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

The **Mississippi Medicaid Fraud Control Unit** (“Unit” or “MFCU”) conducts a statewide program for the investigation and prosecution of health care providers who are accused of defrauding the Medicaid program. In addition, the MFCU reviews complaints of abuse or neglect and exploitation of patients and/or a vulnerable person in health care facilities.

The **MFCU** is also charged with investigating fraud in the administration of the program.

The **UNIT** is a fully comprehensive law enforcement agency staffed by attorneys, investigators, analysts, auditors, nurses and support staff.

-  Recovered **\$10,431,996.26** in restitution and civil penalties from Medicaid providers through investigations and participation in global (multi-state) litigation
-  Reviewed and processed **2,222** complaints of abuse, neglect or exploitation of patients/ residents in licensed health care facilities or personal care homes
-  Opened **564** Medicaid abuse and Medicaid fraud cases
-  Convicted **63** individuals of Medicaid abuse and Medicaid fraud
-  Indicted **61** individuals of abuse, neglect, or exploitation
-  Conducted **58** educational programs for health care facility staff, civic clubs, professional organizations, educational institutions, planning and development districts, law enforcement agencies, and health care associations

HEALTH CARE FRAUD

OPINIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION



377

official opinions issued the majority of these opinions were issued to local governments

15

official opinions issued to Legislators

90%

of formal opinions issued within 30 days



SUPPORT TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS

The Opinions and Local Government Division is a primary source of support to public officials, public employees, governmental bodies, and the attorneys who represent them. The division provides a broad range of training and legal assistance in addition to providing speakers for various seminars and conferences. Further, the division reviews and approves interlocal agreements.

The division provides year-round support and consultation to the Legislature, legislative staff, and state agencies upon request regarding proposed legislation. The division reviews initiative measures and provides ballot titles and summaries for proposed constitutional amendments pursuant to Section 23-17-1 et seq. This support role is accomplished by assistance to agency officials, attorney general lawyers directly assigned to the agencies, and local governing authorities. Attorneys in this division also serve as hearing officers for state agencies.

370

hours spent preparing and conducting seminars around the state for local officials and their attorneys

7,200

hours spent giving advice by telephone and email

ELECTIONS

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.



Photo credit: @EWagsterPettus. "#Mississippi Election Commission members are setting ballot for Nov 6 federal & state judicial elections. Commissioners: Attorney General @AGJimHood, Gov @PhilBryantMS & Secretary of State @DelbertHosemann. #MSsen." Twitter, 10 Sep 2018, 9:13 AM, <https://twitter.com/EWagsterPettus/status/1039185168731459586>.

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.

PROSECUTOR TRAINING DIVISION

The Prosecutor 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.

Prosecutor Training offers two major statewide conferences every year for all prosecutors, with specialized training in up to six tracks. Each breakout track allows training sessions to target specific groups of prosecutors, i.e., youth court prosecutors, and often, narrowly tailored curriculum such as DUI or domestic violence training. Beyond prosecutors, we offer training for Investigators, victims assistance coordinators and pre-trial diversion units. Throughout the year, our division offers smaller conferences such as a municipal prosecutor conference and a separate youth court prosecutor conference.

The Mississippi Prosecutors Association is governed by a Board of Directors with District Attorney Joel Smith of the Second Judicial District serving as President for 2017-2018.

Trained **796**
prosecutors, investigators,
victims assistance
coordinators and check unit
personnel



Offered **47** hours
of continuing legal
education to Mississippi
prosecutors

Offered **17** hours
of continuing legal
education to state
government lawyers



ADDITIONAL TRAININGS

New Rules of Criminal Procedure Seminar: A two-hour class for **103** assistant attorneys general, assistant district attorneys, investigators and law enforcement from various departments

Employment Law Seminar: Trained **158** assistant attorneys general, state agency attorneys and others from various agencies in conjunction with the civil litigation division.

Opioid Death Investigation and Prosecution Training: **65** prosecutors and investigators from different agencies covered basic drug overdose death investigation techniques, discussed legal requirements and issues involved in drug overdose death investigations and highlighted proper evidence handling and protocols

PUBLIC INTEGRITY DIVISION



The Public Integrity Division (PID) is responsible for the prosecution of several types of criminal cases in the state courts of Mississippi. PID's primary mission is to investigate and prosecute 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 to investigate and prosecute large-scale drug organizations through both criminal prosecution and civil forfeiture actions.

PID is also home to the Alcohol and Tobacco Unit, which conducted 6,946 tobacco and 6,013 alcohol enforcement checks this year to ensure businesses were not selling products to minors. The unit recovered \$113,893.05 in fines and court costs and held 302 retailer training sessions. Additionally, the DUI unit held multiple trainings on DUI law for prosecutors, law enforcement, and court officials across the state.

PUBLIC INTEGRITY

\$293,599

Recovered in restitution, fines and fees

 **1,564** *Complaints received and worked*

 **11** *Arrests and Indictments*

 **26** *Convictions obtained*

CHILD DESERTION

\$376,002.85

Recovered in restitution, fines and fees

 **200** *Complaints received and worked*

 **33** *Arrests and Indictments*

 **10** *Convictions obtained*

INSURANCE FRAUD AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION

\$434,662

Recovered in restitution, fines and fees

 **146** *Complaints received and worked*

 **27** *Arrests and Indictments*

 **24** *Convictions obtained*

VULNERABLE ADULTS

\$42,361

Recovered in restitution, fines and fees

 **3,205** *Complaints received and worked*

 **18** *Arrests and Indictments*

 **8** *Convictions obtained*

STATE AGENCIES



The State Agencies Division of the Attorney General's Office is charged with providing legal representation to the executive offices of Mississippi state government. 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 of a variety of personnel issues, including employee discipline and equal employment compliance, advising on matters pertaining to rule making, as well as representing the agencies in courts of law.

Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Department of Education

Department of Finance and Administration

Mississippi Gaming Commission

Mississippi Forestry Commission

Department of Mental Health

Division of Medicaid

Information Technology Services

Department of Corrections

Department of Marine Resources

Department of Transportation

Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Department of Rehabilitation Services

State Personnel Board

Secretary of State/Public Lands Division

Human Services Division

Department of Insurance

State Department of Health

Institutions of Higher Learning – Universities

Mississippi Development Authority

Public Employees Retirement System

Professional Licensure and Regulatory Section

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The Attorney General's Supportive 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 services and outside legal counsel, information systems, and the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund.

Finance and Accounting

Supportive Services is responsible for the management of the day-to-day accounting activities through Mississippi's Accountability System for Government Information and Collaboration (MAGIC). They are also responsible for the analysis of financial reports, preparation of cost projections to manage agency funds and to ensure compliance with spending authority requirements contained in the agency's appropriation bill. The Finance and Accounting area also prepares Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) financial statements, related information for inclusion in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the preparation of the agency's indirect cost plan and negotiation of the indirect cost rate with the Federal Division of Cost Allocation.

Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund

Supportive Services is also responsible for the administration of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Benefits Trust Fund. Any actively employed law enforcement officer or firefighter 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 Firefighters 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.com.

During FY 2018, the Supportive Services Division processed 55 law enforcement applications and 24 firefighter applications for a total of 79 applications. Disability claims amounting to \$357,190.68 were paid to injured law enforcement officers and firefighters during the fiscal year.

A total of 586 law enforcement applications and 267 firefighter applications have been processed since the division began administering the fund in FY 2007 with a total of \$2,788,522.12 in disability claims paid.

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 in 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 (MSPB, Section 125, FLSA, Title VII, FMLA, HIPAA, COBRA, ACA, 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 Development System (PDS); and maintaining the office's organizational chart.

Grant Management and Reporting

Supportive 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 recommendations on implementation, and fulfilling all grant reporting requirements, e.g., Financial Status Reports (FSR), Cost Reimbursement Reports, Federal Cash Transactions Reports, and various programmatic reports. During FY 2018, the office entered into over \$4,168,392 in grants/contracts with DHHS-Medicaid Fraud, Public Safety, Department of Justice, Food and Drug Administration, Mississippi Department of Health, U. S. Customs, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Bureau of Investigations, and U. S. Marshals Service.

Purchasing, Property Management, Space Management

Supportive 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

Supportive Services is responsible for processing a monthly payroll for 300+ 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 in the 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 FY 2018, the Attorney General's Office entered into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to provide legal services to 80 state agencies. These MOUs were entered into rather than contracts due to the passage of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act (Senate Bill 2362), which prohibits state agencies from charging another state agency a fee for services. Our office, however, still maintains three legal services contracts with non-state entities. Supportive Services prepares all MOUs and contracts, computes costs, maintains all MOUs and contracts on file, makes adjustments when necessary, prepares invoices, and ensures collection of amounts billed. Additionally, Supportive 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 MS office located in Houston, as well as staff housed in other state agencies. IS provides assistance with Microsoft Office Suite software, online legal research and Internet access. The office supports and maintains its own web server which is regularly updated with press releases and consumer news. The IS staff supports and creates reports for an in-house case management system that is used office-wide to track case information and time entry.

The IS staff provides support for a statewide case management system for the district attorneys. The system is located at the Attorney General's Office in Jackson.

EXECUTIVE

SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2018

BUREAU OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE

- Assisted 999 victims of violent and non-violent crimes and provided approximately 3,619 units of service
- Trained more than 2,700 law enforcement officers and dispatchers on Mississippi law
- Trained more than 537 court personnel (judges, clerks, and prosecutors) on state law related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, strangulation, and human trafficking
- Trained 2,200 professionals, including social workers, advocates, private attorneys, community members and faith-based groups
- Provided technical assistance to more than 3,619 on the Domestic Abuse Protection Order Registry and Uniform Domestic Violence Offense Reporting System
- Trained 72 nurses in Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner certification

Crime Victim Compensation

- Crime Victim Compensation awarded \$2,412,055 in claims and received 1,020 claim applications
- Crime Victim Compensation received a federal grant for \$1,177,000
- Bureau of Victim Assistance paid \$291,039 to cover costs of sexual assault medical forensic examinations

CIVIL LITIGATION

- Opened 184 cases
- Resolved 114 cases
- Handled 121 other cases filed by prisoners challenging the conditions of their confinement at state prisons
- Obtained a positive outcome in 99% of the cases resolved

CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION

- Responded to 48,542 phone calls for assistance
- Collected \$371,599.56 in restitution (\$74,319.91 per investigator)
- Recovered \$2,570,018.59 in costs and fees
- Opened 998 cases
- Opened 68 identity theft cases
- Opened 4 home repair fraud cases
- Litigated 60 cases
- 5 home repair fraud arrests
- 2 intellectual property crimes arrests
- 3 identity theft arrests
- 7 additional arrests (i.e. mail fraud, wire fraud, false pretense)

CRIMINAL LITIGATION DIVISION

Appellate Section

- Filed 332 briefs and 38 miscellaneous responses in the Mississippi Supreme Court and the Mississippi Court of Appeals
- Had 13 oral arguments
- Processed 69 extraditions
- Won 93 percent of the criminal cases disposed of by the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

Death Penalty Section

- Filed 72 briefs and responses
- Had 18 oral arguments and/or hearings
- Won 73 percent of cases

Federal Habeas Corpus

- Filed 113 responses to new petitions
- Filed 89 responses and motions
- Filed 3 5th Circuit Briefs
- Participated in 4 Evidentiary Hearings and Arguments

COURT RULINGS:

- Habeas Won: 91
- Habeas Lost: 0
- 5th Circuit Appeals Won: 1

CYBER CRIME UNIT

- Recovered \$308,400 in fees and assessments
- 200 new cases opened
- 32 convictions obtained
- 457 examinations performed on 79 separate requests
- Conducted 374 on-scene previews of digital evidence and 51 cyber crime presentations
- Hosted 10 trainings for law enforcement affiliates of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce

MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

- Recovered \$10,431,996.26 in restitution and civil penalties from Medicaid providers through investigations and participation in global (multi-state) litigation
- Reviewed and processed 2,222 complaints of abuse, neglect or exploitation of patients/ residents in licensed health care facilities or personal care homes
- Opened 564 Medicaid abuse and Medicaid fraud cases
- Convicted 63 individuals of Medicaid abuse and Medicaid fraud
- Indicted 61 individuals of abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- Conducted 58 educational programs for health care facility staff, civic clubs, professional organizations, educational institutions, planning and development districts, law enforcement agencies, and health care associations

EXECUTIVE

OPINIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- 377 official opinions issued
- 15 official opinions issued to legislators
- 90% of formal opinions issued within 30 days
- 370 hours spent preparing and conducting seminars around the state for local officials and their attorneys
- 7,200 hours spent giving advice by telephone and email

PROSECUTOR TRAINING DIVISION

- Provided training to more than 796 prosecutors, investigators, victim assistance coordinators, and worthless check unit personnel
- Offered 47 hours of continuing legal education to Mississippi prosecutors
- Offered 17 hours of continuing legal education to state government lawyers

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VULNERABLE ADULTS

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ALCOHOL & TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT UNIT

- Tobacco and Beer Enforcement Checks
- \$113,893.05 recovered in fines and court costs
- 302 retailer training sessions conducted
- 6,946 tobacco enforcement checks
- 6,013 alcohol enforcement checks

SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2018

FUNDS RECOVERED

Source	Type	Amount	Disposition
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit	Restitution, Fines & Penalties	\$10,431,996	State of MS; DOM; AGO; Federal Gov't
General Motors Corporation	Consumer Protection - Settlement	\$1,470,157	State of MS
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals	Consumer Protection - Settlement	\$175,308	State of MS
Cephalon, Inc	Consumer Protection - Settlement	\$820,524	State of MS
Nationwide Insurance Company	Consumer Protection - Settlement AVC Data Breach	\$100,469	State of MS
Consumer Protection Division	Fees Collected on Criminal Cases	\$3,562	State of MS
Public Integrity Division	Restitution, Fines and Fees	\$293,599	State of MS; AGO; Victims & Citizens
Vulnerable Persons Unit	Restitution and Fines	\$42,361	Victims & Citizens
Child Desertion Unit	Restitution and Fines	\$376,003	DHS; Custodial Parents
Insurance Integrity Enforcement Bureau	Restitution & Fines	\$434,662	State of MS; AGO; Victims and Citizens
Cyber Crime Division	Fines & Assessments	\$308,400	State of MS; AGO; Victims and Citizens
Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement Division	Fines	\$113,893	Justice & Municipal Courts
Division of Medicaid	Subrogation, Estate Recoveries and Special Needs Trusts	\$1,509,906	State of MS; DOM; Clients
MS Department of Transportation	Workers' Compensation Subrogated Claims, Motor Vehicle and Other Property Damage	\$313,040	State of MS; MDOT; Citizens
Department of Agriculture	Fines and Penalties	\$114,050	State of MS; Dept of Ag.
Department of Rehabilitation Services	Subrogation claims	\$7,300	Agency Clients
Pearl River Valley Water Supply District	Delinquent Lease Fees	\$231,472	State of MS; PRVWSD
Global Tel*Link Corporation	Settlement - Christopher Epps Case	\$1,870,052	State of MS General Fund
American Claims Management Meritplan Insurance Company	Settlement - Katrina Litigation; Home Owners Assistance	\$1,308,091	MDA
OneMain General Services Corp and NGLS Insurance Services, Inc	Settlement - Katrina Litigation; Home Owners Assistance	\$495,359	MDA
Bach v Amedisys, Inc	Securities Litigation	\$43,938	State of MS; PERS
Watson Pharmaceuticals	Average Wholesale Price Litigation	\$25,307,091	State of MS; Medicaid
CGL Facility Management, LLC	Settlement - Christopher Epps Case	\$548,189	State of MS
Keefe Commissary Network, LLC	Settlement - Christopher Epps Case	\$2,322,622	State of MS
Sentinel Offender Services LLC	Settlement - Christopher Epps Case	\$973,834	State of MS
Sanofi-Aventis US LLC	Settlement - Plavix	\$2,673,891	State of MS
Hill v State Street Corporation	Securities Litigation	\$21,289	State of MS; AGO; PERS
AdminPros LLC	Settlement - Christopher Epps Case	\$24,141	State of MS
Guy E "Butch" Evans	Settlement - Christopher Epps Case	\$65,471	State of MS

FY 2018 - Total Funds Recovered

\$52,400,670

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
 Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Personal Services

Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$23,968,196
Travel & Subsistence (In-State)	\$638,144
Travel & Subsistence (Out-of-State)	\$144,312
Total Personal Services	\$24,750,652

Contractual Services

Tuition, Rewards, Awards	\$76,823
Communications, Transportation & Utilities	\$23,251
Rents	\$205,643
Repairs & Services	\$55,582
Fees, Professional & Other Services	\$1,039,856
Other Contractual Services	\$144,810
Data Processing	\$383,203
Other	\$47,770
Total Contractual Services	\$1,976,938

Commodities

Printing & Office Supplies & Materials	\$129,202
Equipment, Repair Parts, Supplies & Accessories	\$159,499
Professional & Scientific Supplies & Materials	\$1,164
Other Supplies & Materials	\$153,859
Total Commodities	\$443,724

Capital Outlay

Office Machines, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	\$5,418
IS Equipment (Data Processing & Telecommunications)	\$102,734
Other Equipment	\$17,603
Vehicles	\$64,649
Wireless Communication Devices	\$500
Total Capital Outlay	\$190,904

Total Subsidies, Loans & Grants **\$2,078,108**

Total Expenditures **\$29,440,326**

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
FISCAL YEAR 2018 REPORT OF STATE-OWNED VEHICLES
 Number of State Law Enforcement Vehicles in Fleet - 55

#	Description	Inventory Number	Miles Traveled in FY 2018
1	2012 Dodge Caravan	7487	14,289
2	2013 Chevrolet Impala	7663	18,905
3	2013 Chevrolet Impala	7664	25,112
4	2013 Dodge Charger	7821	24,169
5	2013 Dodge Charger	7822	13,501
6	2013 Dodge Charger	7823	11,728
7	2013 Dodge Charger	7824	1,820
8	2013 Dodge Charger	7825	10,207
9	2013 Ford F-150	7855	32,845
10	2014 Ford Explorer	7857	13,405
11	2014 Ford Explorer	7858	28,004
12	2014 Ford Explorer	7859	23,216
13	2014 Chevrolet Tahoe	7870	13,639
14	2014 Ram Truck	7886	23,069
15	2014 Dodge Charger	7892	22,054
16	2014 Dodge Charger	7893	19,469
17	2014 Dodge Charger	7894	23,042
18	2014 Dodge Charger	7895	29,068
19	2014 Chevrolet Impala	7910	17,824
20	2012 Chevrolet Tahoe	7931	8,434
21	2014 Ford F-150	7933	9,228
22	2014 Ford Explorer	7934	21,499
23	2014 Ford Explorer	7935	12,282
24	2014 Chevrolet Impala	7936	38,970
25	2014 Chevrolet Impala	7937	14,512
26	2014 Ram Truck	7955	19,981
27	2014 Ram Truck	7956	22,170
28	2014 Ram Truck	7957	14,551
29	2015 Dodge Charger	8162	16,019
30	2015 Ford Sedan	8164	22,299
31	2015 Ford Sedan	8165	10,618
32	2015 Ford Sedan	8166	21,731
33	2015 Ford Sedan	8167	15,082
34	2015 Ford Sedan	8168	25,212
35	2015 Ford Explorer	8169	17,804
36	2015 Ford Explorer	8170	13,604
37	2015 Dodge Charger	8173	25,451
38	2015 Ram 1500 Truck	8174	17,757
39	2015 Dodge Charger	8209	6,285
40	2015 Dodge Charger	8210	28,735
41	2016 Dodge Charger	8349	14,973
42	2016 Dodge Charger	8350	13,767
43	2016 Dodge Charger	8351	16,909
44	2016 Chevrolet Impala	8363	18,954
45	2016 Chevrolet Impala	8364	19,508
46	2016 Chevrolet Tahoe	8524	20,470
47	2017 Ford F150 Truck	8635	22,032
48	2017 Ford F150 Truck	8636	27,873
49	2017 Ford F150 Truck	8637	14,998
50	2017 Dodge Durango	8646	30,368
51	2017 Chevrolet Traverse	8651	17,883
52	2017 Chevrolet Impala	8652	29,354
53	2017 FORD EXPLORER	8763	24,047
54	2018 FORD TAURUS	8842	5,426
55	2018 FORD TAURUS	8843	4,150



In October, AG investigators attended Coffee with a Cop events statewide (picture taken at event hosted by the Ridgeland Police Dept.) in support of Mississippi law enforcement building community relationships.

AG Hood Settles \$2.5 Million Epps Scandal Claim

Jackson Free Press, 8/15/17

AG's task force tackles mental health

Mississippi Today, 10/4/17

After years of asking the Legislature to increase funds for the Department of Mental Health, Mississippi's attorney general is saying it's time to change the conversation on mental health in the state.

On Tuesday, Attorney General Jim Hood convened the state's first task force on mental health. The meeting brought together 50 leaders in state law enforcement, healthcare and policy. Their goal he said was to generate new approaches to mental health in the state — and not, he insists, to ask for more money.

Drugmaker to pay Mississippi \$33 million in pricing lawsuit

Associated Press, 1/29/18

Attorney General Jim Hood says a drugmaker will pay Mississippi \$33.4 million in a lawsuit over drug pricing...

Mississippi Attorney General joins nationwide effort to push opioid alternatives

The Clarion-Ledger, 9/20/17

32 arrested in 'Operation Broken Heart,' aimed at internet predators

The Clarion-Ledger, 6/12/18

Mississippi will get \$1.5M in settlement with General Motors

Sun-Herald, 10/23/2017

'Deadbeat dad' convicted for withholding \$23K in child support

WMC 5 Action News, 8/10/2017

MISSISSIPPI AG INVESTIGATES FACEBOOK

Mississippi Public Broadcasting, 3/27/2018



In May, our office accepted a Distinguished Service Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for our ongoing efforts through the Mental Health Task Force to help Mississippi become a friendlier state for those with a mental illness.



Investigator Tonya Mangus, of the Attorney General's Public Integrity Division, was named a recipient of the 2018 Crime Stoppers Top Cop Award.

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