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I am thankful to the people of Nevada for granting me the opportunity to serve as their Attorney General over the past seven years. I do not take lightly the continued trust Nevadans have granted me to ensure public safety and seek justice for all. I remain resolute in my leadership and governance over the Nevada Office of Attorney General, with its 155 driven attorneys, 62 dedicated investigators, and 200 outstanding support staff across 23 divisions, enforcing the breadth of Nevada law. We are united under a common belief—that our job is justice.

Over the past two years, Nevadans have experienced threats to their personal prosperity and freedoms on multiple fronts: unlawful federal overreach that harms Nevadans; constant exploitation of goods and services at the cash register, making Nevada less affordable; and fraudsters seeking to scam Nevadans out of their hard-earned dollars. I am proud to say that my staff and I have won many victories for Nevadans over the past biennium.

- I, along with several of my colleagues, filed a federal lawsuit successfully challenging the President's unlawful imposition of tariffs, which cost Nevada approximately \$985 million.
- I reached a first of its kind settlement with Roblox, a popular social media gaming platform. The settlement agreement imposed significant changes to ensure greater safety for our children from predators.
- I have co-led multistate federal lawsuits against the President's unlawful elections executive orders, successfully asserting the Constitution provides no Presidential authority over Nevada's elections.
- I have led the bipartisan multistate effort to stop unlicensed prediction markets from offering sports bets, becoming the first state to stop their operations.

- In Federal Fiscal Year 2025, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) conducted more than double the national average for fraud prosecutions, despite having less than half the national average of staff. This biennium, MFCU was able to obtain judgments of approximately \$20,569,290.38 for ordered restitution amounts in criminal and civil cases.
- After the federal government settled out its claims during trial, I continued with a bipartisan group of states to successfully win a jury trial against Live Nation and Ticketmaster on liability for violations of federal and state antitrust laws that needlessly increase costs to attend concerts and other live events.
- In defense of successful prosecutions, the Post-Conviction Division averaged an 88% success rate in the U.S. District Court and the Ninth Circuit and has an approximately 95% success rate in the Nevada Supreme Court.
- Over my time as Attorney General, my Office has served as a front door for questions Nevadans might have. Over this biennium, my Office processed more than 72,000 constituent service requests, including phone calls, emailed general inquiries, or complaints filed for investigation, a significant increase.
- I have prosecuted 11 individuals over the last biennium for crimes associated with “john” stings, stopping child predators seeking to harm Nevada’s children.
- I, with a coalition of 50 states and territories, have made progress litigating unfair trade practices against several generic drug manufacturers who have been alleged to conspire to set pharmaceutical prices, obtaining significant cooperation agreements and settlements with Heritage Pharmaceuticals and Apotex totaling \$49.1 million.
- I created the Victim Support Services Unit (“VSSU”), which has strengthened victim services throughout Nevada by improving coordination amongst agencies and directly servicing more than 300 victims of crime.

This biennial report demonstrates the efficacy of the Office of Attorney General when executive leadership and dedicated State employees commit themselves to mission-driven work. I continue to utilize the “Five Cs,” framework as the bedrock for my administration—client services, community engagement, criminal justice and reform, consumer protection and constitutional rights.



AARON D. FORD
Nevada Attorney General

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Executive Leadership

First Assistant Attorney General

Craig Newby serves as the First Assistant Attorney General. Prior to entering public service, Newby was a partner at McDonald Carano LLP, specializing in complex litigation. A first-generation college student, Newby earned his law degree from Harvard Law School and his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Newby manages the following divisions: Boards and Open Government; Business and Industry; Gaming, Government and Natural Resources; Health and Human Services; Personnel; Public Safety; Transportation; and Taxation.

Assistant Attorney General

Christine Jones Brady (CJ) serves as the Assistant Attorney General. She began her career in public service at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) in San Francisco and represented indigent defendants for more than a decade at the Washoe County Public Defender's Office. Brady earned her juris doctor degree from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law, a master's degree in sociology and a bachelor's degree from Stanford University. Brady serves as the Tribal Liaison for the Office and manages the following divisions: Bureau of Consumer Protection; Criminal Prosecution; Investigations; Post-Conviction; Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and Victim Support Services.

Solicitor General

Heidi Parry Stern serves as the Solicitor General. Heidi Stern joined the Office of the Attorney General in 2016 as Chief of the Post-Conviction Unit. Prior to joining the Office, Stern was in private practice in Las Vegas, where she specialized in commercial appeals. She earned her law degree from Harvard Law School, and her undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University. Stern manages the Complex Litigation Division.

General Counsel

Leslie Nino Piro serves as the General Counsel. Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General, Nino Piro was a staff attorney for the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, and worked in the private sector as an associate at Holland & Hart LLP. Nino Piro is a proud graduate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the William S. Boyd School of Law.

Attorney General Ford would like to acknowledge the administrative staff whose invaluable contributions make possible the breadth of work accomplished by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG):

Thank you to the Legal Office Managers who keep our three offices across the state of Nevada operating effectively, and to my Executive Assistant for her unwavering support.

I have deep respect for the hard-working Information Technology team, whose work keeps the OAG online and connected.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our Legal Secretaries and Legal Researchers for their diligent work.

The Constituent Services team receives and responds to hundreds of concerns each month and thousands each year. Your commitment to the OAG is not lost on me.

I appreciate my Human Resources team for their dedication and thoughtful attention to employee matters, large and small.

I commend my Finance and Grants teams for their diligent stewardship of the public resources entrusted to the OAG.

Thank you to the Communications team for keeping the public informed and aware of the OAG's work and activities.

I want to recognize and thank the administrative support staff for their responsiveness and the dependable day-to-day support they provide to the OAG.

Thank you to all the supervisors and managers who help ensure the OAG is well administered.

Attorney General Ford extends his deep appreciation to Acting Chief Bowen and the Investigations Division for their tireless service to the Office of the Attorney General and communities throughout Nevada.

Executive Summary

Under the leadership of Attorney General Ford, the Nevada Office of Attorney General (OAG) is proud to report the following successes from the past biennium:

Criminal Justice and Reform

Ensuring public safety and reform are not competing values. Attorney General Ford believes in accountability for those who harm others, as well as a justice system comprised of human dignity, fairness and equity. Our successes include having:

- Conducted operations to capture people who prey on youth. Investigators posting in online forums advertise sex work, using decoys that present themselves as being under 16 years of age. These stings are conducted in cooperation with Clark County School Police and Homeland Security Investigations. OAG investigators also participate in Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force operations with the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office and numerous other local law enforcement agencies throughout southern Nevada.
- Prosecuted 11 individuals over the last biennium for crimes associated with "john" stings. In one recent sting, a registered sex offender communicated with a decoy to purchase sex. After being told the decoy was 15 years old, he agreed to meet at a prearranged location to purchase sex. The perpetrator was subsequently arrested.
- Supported community non-profit organizations, local law enforcement agencies and state-specific endeavors through \$11 million dollars in grant projects. These projects allow Attorney General Ford to engage Nevada in vital work such as the investigation of crimes involving cryptocurrency and to support victims of hate crimes.
- Established the Victim Support Services Unit. The 82nd Legislature granted Attorney General Ford's request for two victim witness advocates (VWAs). Over the biennium, this Unit has received 209 case referrals on behalf of more than 300 victims of crime, while also developing a quarterly statewide System-Based Advocacy meeting to improve coordination and knowledge sharing among agencies' victim witness advocates.

Constitutional Rights

Protecting your constitutional rights remains paramount for Attorney General Ford. Over the past biennium, he has led the office in the following actions:

- Prosecuting felony voter fraud cases in Nevada and defend against outside attacks to interfere with Nevada's elections, including leading two separate

multistate federal lawsuits challenging presidential executive orders that violate the authority that Congress and Nevada have for running elections.

- Filing, along with other attorneys general, multistate federal lawsuits successfully challenging the President's unlawful imposition of tariffs, ensuring those tariffs are no longer collected from Nevadans and that the federal government refund the wrongfully collected tariffs.
- Filing, along with other attorneys general, a multistate federal lawsuit against the President's unlawful executive order purporting to eliminate birthright citizenship from the Constitution, succeeding at the Supreme Court.

Consumer Protection

Attorney General Ford will always stand up against corporations who engage in deceptive trade practices, anticompetitive measures and cause harm to the public. He has done so by:

- Protecting Nevada consumers, Attorney General Ford, through his Bureau of Consumer Protection, and recovering \$406,669,443.86 in consumer fines, fees, penalties, and restitution during this biennium.
- Handling 652 complaints for consumers during the biennium. The Bureau of Consumer Protection assisted consumers, including older adults and veterans, with complaints related to residential rooftop solar, telecommunications, event tickets, sales, services, charities solicitations, advertising and deceptive marketing, and fraud, scams, and schemes.
- Continually striving to educate consumers in order to provide them with the tools necessary to spot and avoid fraud, scams, and schemes by conducting 82 outreach events during the biennium.
- Passing key legislation that increased the penalties for violations of Nevada's Deceptive Trade Practices Act, providing additional tools to keep consumers safe from companies and individuals in the sales of goods and services in Nevada.

During this biennium, Attorney General Ford had some notable consumer protection success in the areas of Deceptive Trade Practices and Unfair Trade Practices. Highlights of some of these successes include:

- After the federal Department of Justice settled, the OAG won a jury trial against Live Nation and Ticketmaster on liability for violations of federal and state antitrust laws for overpriced concert and other event tickets.

- Attorney General Ford secured a first-in-the nation settlement with interactive game platform Roblox, requiring meaningful injunctive relief to protect children for improper communications and addiction to online activities, as well as payment of \$10 million to encourage children to engage in non-digital programs.
- Attorney General Ford also secured a major court victory in the Nevada Supreme Court against Meta and TikTok as part of his ongoing fight to protect children online. The Nevada Supreme Court rejected arguments that the companies were immune from suit due to Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, paving the way for the lawsuits to continue until Nevada's children are protected.
- Attorney General Ford secured a settlement with RealPage, a real property management software company, to resolve claims that the company software illegally allowed landlords to illegally collude to increase Nevadans' rent.
- Attorney General Ford, with a coalition of 50 states and territories, has made progress litigating unfair trade practices against several generic drug manufacturers who have been alleged to conspire to set pharmaceutical prices, obtaining significant cooperation agreements and settlements with Heritage Pharmaceuticals and Apotex totaling \$49.1 million.
- Attorney General Ford is proud to report the following key opioids recoveries bringing the total recoveries for the State's opioid litigation to \$1,216,557,076.53, which will be used to fund important programs and services to mitigate the harms, impacts, and effects of the opioids epidemic on Nevadans:
 - Kroger: \$26,718,162.19
 - Sacklers and Purdue Pharma: \$57,941,815.03
- Attorney General Ford acted alongside a coalition of 50 states and territories to secure a settlement with Mercedes-Benz USA and Daimler AG over emissions fraud. As part of the settlement the companies agreed to provide affected consumers with extended warranties and payments of \$2,000 per vehicle, as well as a fine of \$120 million to the multistate coalition.

Community Engagement

Attorney General Ford continues to encourage all divisions to engage in community activities throughout the year.

- The Constituent Services Unit received thousands of communications (calls, letters and emails) from Nevada residents. Some residents called to express their views, others called to file complaints or request investigations into

fraudulent business dealings. Over the biennium, there were more than 72,000 constituent service requests made to the Office, whether phone calls, emailed general inquiries, or complaints, a significant increase from the last biennium.

- During the past biennium, the Office of Military Legal Assistance (OMLA) conducts a monthly Ask-A-Lawyer event at the North Las Vegas Medical Center to provide free “no appointment necessary” legal consults, with similar events in northern Nevada thru partnerships with Nevada Legal Services, the Elks Lodge and the Office of Adjutant General.
- The OAG cohosted the "Champions in the Making" event successfully with multiple law enforcement agencies, and various non-governmental community organizations in a powerful demonstration of support for youth mentorship programs.
- Investigators and support staff in northern Nevada participated in the Carson City Sheriff's Night Out (formerly National Night Out). OAG staff handed out information on crime prevention and internet crimes.
- Public Safety Division employees routinely partner with the Department of Correction's annual Badges and Bows Toy Drive, benefitting the St. Jude Children's Home in Boulder City.
- OAG Investigators and staff held an event at the Broadacres Marketplace, in the spirit of Hispanic Heritage month, to inform the public of the dangers of illicit/counterfeit pharmaceuticals, speaking to a community exceeding 200 people.
- The Health and Human Services Division along with Human Resources and other staff volunteer to help plan and run an annual Supporting Our Survivors golf tournament in northern Nevada to raise money for victims of human trafficking.

Client Services

Attorney General Ford operates with a customer service mindset. He is always mindful that our clients are subject matter experts, and the Office of Attorney General is there to assist them in lawful execution of the laws.

- The OAG's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit obtained judgments in criminal and civil cases, totaling \$20,569,290.38. This money is returned to the Medicaid system for use in providing needed medical services to impoverished Nevadans. Additionally, the MFCU obtained 66 total convictions and an additional 22 civil settlements, all with half the national average for staffing.

- OAG staff protected the stellar reputation of the state's most important industry by assisting the Gaming Control Board in pursuing discipline against licensees who failed to comply with necessary regulatory standards. Most recently, the OAG collected \$34 million in fines resulting from multiple disciplinary complaints pertaining to anti-money laundering failures by several nonrestricted licensees.
- Multiple divisions for the OAG assisted their client with negotiating necessary contracts to effectuate the Campus for Hope program, created by the Legislature to offer multiple benefits to those who are housing or employment challenged in southern Nevada.
- Since January 2025, I have joined over 50 lawsuits against the federal government for illegally harming Nevadans, saving the State over \$40 million in federal funding that was unlawfully rescinded or withheld until the State filed suit.
- The OAG's Post-Conviction Division averaged an 88% success rate in the U.S. District Court and the Ninth Circuit and has an approximately 99% success rate in the Nevada Supreme Court.
- The OAG's Boards and Open Government (BOG) division represented the Nevada State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services in its prosecution and revocation of McDermott Funeral and Cremation Service's license and its director's license following discovery of improper handling of deceased bodies.

Criminal Prosecution Division

The Criminal Prosecution Division is comprised of 20 attorneys and an auditor and is under the leadership of Chief Alissa Engler. The Division prosecutes hundreds of criminal cases every year. These cases involve criminal matters such as insurance fraud; workers compensation fraud; securities fraud; mortgage fraud; cybercrime; public integrity cases; election fraud; crimes committed by State of Nevada employees in the course of their employment; and crimes occurring in the Department of Corrections. The OAG also shares jurisdiction with local prosecutors in other areas, such as sex trafficking, general financial fraud and elder exploitation. The OAG also accepts referrals from counties if the local district attorney cannot prosecute a case due to a conflict or declines to pursue the case.

Murder, Manslaughter, and Attempted Murder Cases

While most homicide cases are prosecuted at the county level, the OAG has primary jurisdiction over homicides that occur within the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) facilities. Many of these cases are investigated by the NDOC Inspector General's Office or by local law enforcement and referred to the OAG for prosecution.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the OAG received funding for an additional Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG) position to address the increasing number of violent crimes occurring within NDOC facilities. This additional resource has enhanced the OAG's capacity to investigate and prosecute these complex cases.

To note, in May 2025, the OAG secured indictments against 20 inmates in connection with the deaths of three inmates who sustained multiple sharp-force injuries during a melee at Ely State Prison. In November 2025, the OAG secured the jury conviction of one indicted inmate, Anthony Ribera, for three counts of first-degree murder with the use of a deadly weapon, and he was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole after serving 30 years. Several co-defendants have since entered guilty pleas, while the remaining defendants are awaiting trial.

As of the date of this report, the OAG has seven active murder prosecutions and three additional murder cases under review for potential prosecution.

Human Trafficking/Sex Crimes

During this last biennium, the OAG continued its efforts to investigate and prosecute child predators.

Specifically, the OAG conducted sting operations that involve investigators posting online in forums that advertise sex work, using decoys that respond to unsolicited offers. Investigators inform the target that the age of the decoy is less than 16 years old. If the individual continues to request sexual services from a person that they believe to be a child and agrees to a price, a meeting is set. These stings are conducted in cooperation with Clark

County School Police and Homeland Security Investigations. OAG Investigators also participate in Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force operations with the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and numerous other local law enforcement agencies throughout southern Nevada.

The OAG prosecuted 11 individuals over the last biennium for crimes associated with john stings.

- In one sting operation, Irwin Bravo-Hernandez communicated with a decoy to purchase sex. After being told the decoy was 15 years old, he agreed to meet at a prearranged location to complete the transaction. Bravo-Hernandez was subsequently arrested for luring a person under 16 with a computer to commit a sex act and solicitation of a child for prostitution. A digital forensic analysis of his phone found images of child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Bravo-Hernandez later pled guilty to possession of visual presentation depicting sexual conduct of a child.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the OAG sponsored Assembly Bill 35 (AB 35), which updated Nevada statutory language by replacing references to “child pornography” with the term “child sexual abuse material.” This amendment represented more than a change in terminology. The term “pornography” generally refers to constitutionally protected material depicting sexual activity between consenting adults. Because a minor cannot legally consent to sexual activity, the previous statutory language did not accurately reflect the inherently abusive and criminal nature of the offenses. Replacing the outdated terminology more precisely describes the exploitation and abuse of children depicted in such material and reinforces that these crimes involve the victimization of minors rather than lawful expressive consent.

Missing and Exploited Children

OAG investigators coordinate with other law enforcement entities and Child Protective Services to recover missing children, most of whom have been abducted by non-custodial parents or other family members. OAG investigators are often successful in recovering missing children through discussion with the parties involved about the possible consequences of not complying with custody agreements. If an individual refuses to cooperate with valid family court orders, investigators, through cooperation with the Nevada Child Advocate Attorney, utilize the criminal process to bring about an appropriate resolution. During this last biennium, the OAG recovered one child who was abducted by their mother and reunited them with their father.

Public Integrity Cases

Nevadans expect their government to be ethical and accountable. The OAG vigorously investigates and prosecutes state employees who engage in criminal misconduct. Over the past two years, the OAG has successfully prosecuted several State employees for a variety of criminal offenses.

- The OAG prosecuted Lawayne Hardiman, a former correctional officer, for furnishing controlled substances and telecommunication devices to state prisoners. At the time of his arrest, Hardiman was found in possession of 445 grams of methamphetamine. Hardiman pleaded guilty to furnishing a controlled substance to state prisoners and was sentenced to 19–60 months in prison.
- The OAG prosecuted Jeanne Stoneman, the former Deputy Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Energy, for using a temporary staffing agency to hire her 17-year-old son into a management analyst III position. As Deputy Director, Stoneman had the authority to approve timesheets for all department employees. Stoneman paid her son a higher salary than others in the same position and approved overtime that he had not earned. Stoneman pleaded

guilty to theft in an amount greater than \$25,000, was sentenced to probation, and was ordered to pay \$49,706.00 in restitution.

Securities and Financial Fraud

OAG prosecutors handle complex financial fraud cases received from numerous government agencies around the state. The cases involve a wide variety of schemes; many centered around misrepresentations about the identity of the perpetrator or misrepresentations about products and services.

- One notable case involved criminal charges against the owner of a business for allegedly diverting millions of dollars in taxpayer funds earmarked for a fiber-optic infrastructure project in Lovelock. According to the charges, the owner converted those funds for personal use, causing the project to fail. The owner has been charged with 30 counts of theft in an amount greater than \$100,000.00 and is awaiting a jury trial.

The OAG also prosecuted several securities fraud cases investigated by the Nevada Secretary of State's Office.

- The OAG successfully prosecuted Michael Clough for operating an illegal sports betting investment scheme soliciting victims to invest in what he claimed was a sports betting pool. Clough was not registered to sell securities and had previously been issued a cease-and-desist order by the Securities Administrator directing him to stop operating. He ignored the order and was subsequently criminally charged. Clough pleaded guilty to securities fraud and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$76,400 and ordered to stay away from all casino properties.

Consumer Protection Fraud

Our office continues to expand enforcement efforts under Nevada's Deceptive Trade Practices Act (NRS 598). The OAG is working closely with the Nevada State Contractors Board and other community partners to investigate and prosecute individuals and businesses that defraud Nevada consumers.

- The OAG prosecuted John Thomas Banning, a Las Vegas business owner who operated several pool and landscaping companies. Banning entered into contracts with homeowners for the purchase and installation of swimming pools and other landscaping improvements. After accepting substantial payments, he abandoned numerous projects before completion and failed or refused to provide refunds, causing senior citizens and other homeowners to suffer significant financial losses. Banning pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in fraud or deceit in the course of an enterprise or occupation. He was sentenced to a term of four to ten years in the Nevada Department of Corrections and, upon release, is required to pay \$308,584.00 in restitution.

- The OAG prosecuted Steven Andrew Adinolfi, an officer and director of a patio and barbecue business, for accepting advance payments from homeowners (including senior citizens) to complete outdoor improvement projects but abandoned them instead. Adinolfi pleaded guilty to engaging in fraud or deceit in the course of an enterprise or occupation and was sentenced to probation. He was also ordered to pay \$294,457.59 in restitution to the victims.
- The OAG also prosecuted Richard Senninger, the owner of 1st Call Pet Cremation, for defrauding pet owners who paid for the cremation of their deceased pets. Rather than providing the promised cremation services, Mr. Senninger either failed to return the pets' remains or returned remains for the wrong pets. The investigation identified 17 confirmed victims, although there may be additional victims. Senninger pled guilty to theft greater than \$5,000 and is scheduled to be sentenced in September 2026.

These cases demonstrate the OAG's continued commitment to protecting Nevada consumers, holding fraudulent businesses accountable, and securing restitution for victims of deceptive trade practices.

Election Related Crimes

Nevadans deserve to have faith in the security of the state's elections and its elected officials. The OAG continues to prosecute felony voter fraud cases investigated by the Secretary of State's Office. Our office has prosecuted 11 double-voting cases during the last biennium.

Welfare Benefits Crimes

The OAG works in partnership with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), the Nevada State Police Investigation Division, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to investigate and prosecute SNAP-related fraud. These schemes are often perpetrated by cells or networks associated with transnational organized crime and may target eligible beneficiaries, retailers, or both. The OAG also prosecutes individuals who submit fraudulent public assistance applications and engage in related fraud schemes.

- The OAG recently filed criminal charges against an individual in connection with a public assistance fraud scheme. Specifically, the individual allegedly first obtained and used the personal identifying information (PII) of other individuals to apply for and receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid benefits. Subsequently, the individual then allegedly used a shell corporation to traffic those benefits for financial gain. The individual has been charged with theft, public assistance fraud, engaging in fraud or deceit in the course of an enterprise or occupation, and obtaining or using the personal identifying information of another person. At the time of

arrest, the individual was on probation in Clark County for convictions involving obtaining or using the personal identifying information of another person and possession of a controlled substance.

Insurance Fraud

The Insurance Fraud Unit (IFU) has the primary statutory responsibility to investigate and criminally prosecute those who make material misrepresentations on applications for insurance and or submit false claims for benefits with private insurance companies. The cases involved range from dangerous staged car accidents to fraud by insurance agents/brokers.

For example, IFU investigated and prosecuted a Las Vegas Metropolitan Officer who filed a fraudulent insurance claim by attempting to use his colleague to manufacture a fraudulent stolen vehicle report. This resulted in a felony conviction and the officer's termination from service. In addition to public integrity matters, IFU investigated and prosecuted an increased amount of staged vehicle accidents perpetrated to file false bodily injury claims.

Like in the past, the vast majority of the IFU cases involved a variation of auto policy cases. IFU increased their efforts by continuing their partnership and continuing development training surrounding staged accidents on our Nevada highways with Highway Patrol and Nevada State Police. This partnership has increased the OAG's quantity and quality of referrals in staged accidents. Overall, IFU has doubled the number of cases filed from one fiscal year to the next, showing an increase in unit productivity.

Insurance Fraud	SFY 2025	SFY 2026	Total
Cases Filed	16	39	55
Convictions	24	19	43
Restitution Awarded	\$340,166.54	\$22,703.32	\$362,869.86
Restitution Collected	\$14,334.39	\$19,413.32	\$33,747.71

Workers' Compensation Fraud

The Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit (WCFU) is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all workers' compensation fraud committed in the state of Nevada by employers, employees (claimants), or medical providers against companies providing insurance and any of Nevada's self-insured employers. For example, the WCFU investigated and prosecuted schemes in which employees defrauded

insurance companies, claiming to be too injured to work and receiving payments while also performing work elsewhere, or submitting tens of thousands of dollars of invoices for health care services that were never received.

This unit also investigates cases involving employers who fail to obtain or maintain workers' compensation insurance for their employees and in some instances an injury occurs while there is a lapse of coverage. Over the course of the last biennium, the unit drastically increased cases filed and cases leading to convictions. This has resulted in restitution awards of just over a million dollars in the biennium. The work this unit has done has had a major impact on keeping Nevada workers secure in knowing workplace injuries are indeed taken care of by their employer. Additionally, employers are protected from closure or bankruptcy by ensuring they maintain up to date workers compensation coverage.

Workers' Compensation Fraud	SFY 2025	SFY 2026	Total
Cases Filed	269	339	608
Convictions	260	321	581
Restitution Awarded	\$562,256.82	\$456,934.68	\$1,019,191.50
Restitution Collected	\$322,785.75	\$313,518.84	\$636,304.59

Bureau of Consumer Protection

Attorney General Ford continues to prioritize the protection of consumers from fraud, scams, and anti-competitive activity. The Bureau of Consumer Protection (BCP) serves to protect Nevada consumers, businesses, and the interests of the state through the enforcement and education of consumer protection laws, as well as representing the interests of residential ratepayers before public utility regulatory bodies. In the past two years, the BCP had many successes in deceptive trade and unfair trade practices enforcement, obtaining recoveries, assurances, protections, and in some cases consumer restitution, resulting in penalties and money or other relief to consumers, as well as successes in utility advocacy to ensure fair and reasonable utility rates.

Attorney General Ford's Bureau of Consumer Protection handled 652 complaints from consumers during the biennium. The Bureau of Consumer Protection assisted

consumers, including older adults and veterans, with complaints related to residential rooftop solar, telecommunications, event tickets, sales, services, charities solicitations, advertising and deceptive marketing, and fraud, scams, and schemes.

In addition to legal actions, the OAG has done extensive education and outreach to help Nevadans defend themselves against scams and provide them with tools necessary to spot and avoid scams. Scams typically involve the scammer creating a sense of urgency or fear, which too often results in monetary loss to hard working Nevadans. The BCP conducted over 82 different types of outreaches and education including in-person events, social media content, and public service announcements.

Attorney General Ford also passed key legislation that increased the penalties for violations of Nevada's Deceptive Trade Practices Act, providing additional tools to keep consumers safe from companies and individuals in the sales of goods and services in Nevada.

Deceptive Trade Practice

The BCP protects the interest of consumers, including businesses, through its enforcement of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Those who harm Nevada and its residents are held accountable for their conduct through enforcement actions resulting in injunctive terms to protect against future harm, restitution, penalties, and assurances, all totaling over \$30 million. In addition to legal enforcement actions, the BCP also handled numerous complaints related to failure to refund, solar scams, consumer fraud, and other scams.

Antitrust

Preventing unfair trade practices, also known as antitrust, is extremely important to a fair and competitive marketplace, especially in areas of health care, prescriptions, and the sales of basic goods and services such as groceries.

The BCP continues to actively participate in multistate price-fixing litigation regarding generic drugs. The BCP, with a coalition of other states, was successful in blocking the merger of grocery store chains Kroger and Albertsons; remains active in litigation over market dominance over small businesses by Amazon; and remains active in litigation concerning manipulation of online advertising with Google, among other important matters.

Notable Successes in Deceptive Trade Practices and Unfair Trade Practices

During this biennium, Attorney General Ford had some notable consumer protection success in the areas of Deceptive Trade Practices and Unfair Trade Practices.

Highlights of some of these successes include:

- After the federal Department of Justice settled, the OAG won a jury trial against Live Nation and Ticketmaster on liability for violations of federal and state antitrust laws for overpriced concert and other event tickets.
- Attorney General Ford secured a settlement with RealPage, a real property management software company, to resolve claims that the company software illegally allowed landlords to illegally collude to increase Nevadans' rent. RealPage agreed to significant, practical limitations on its continued use of nonpublic data when calculating rent recommendations for Nevada landlords, while also contributing \$200,000 to the Attorney General's Office for rent relief for low-income Nevada residents.
- Attorney General Ford, with a coalition of 50 states and territories, has made progress litigating unfair trade practices against several generic drug manufacturers who have been alleged to conspire to set pharmaceutical prices, obtaining significant cooperation agreements and settlements with Heritage Pharmaceuticals and Apotex totaling \$49.1 million.
- Attorney General Ford, acting alongside a coalition of 50 states and territories, secured a settlement with Mercedes-Benz USA and Daimler AG over emissions fraud. As part of the settlement the companies agreed to provide affected consumers with extended warranties and payments of \$2,000 per vehicle, as well as a fine of \$120 million to the states.
- Attorney General Ford, in coordination with the Nevada Consumer Affairs Unit, secured a settlement with MV Realty, voiding hundreds of Nevada homeowner benefit agreements that were recorded as liens against Nevada properties and provide restitution of \$200,000 to affected Nevada consumers.
- Attorney General Ford, as part of a coalition of 52 states and territories in conjunction with the Department of Justice, sued Google over its anticompetitive practices. The case is ongoing but demonstrates Attorney General Ford's commitment to protect Nevada's competitive market and fight anticompetitive pricing.

Safety for Children on Social Media Platforms

Attorney General Ford recognizes that in this digital information age, inexpensive access to information has provided many benefits, including educational and economic opportunities, instant awareness of global events, political transformation, and social connections. However, Attorney General Ford has also examined the research around Social Media Platforms (SMPs), which suggests that prolonged time spent online, particularly through SMPs, may be associated with a variety of negative consequences, particularly for Nevada's youth. The evidence suggests that the design and intended function of the algorithms utilized by SMPs may play a significant and direct role in

causing and/or exacerbating harms and are calculated to induce users to engage with the platform as much as possible.

Attorney General Ford continues his suit against Meta, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Snap. The cases are in the discovery phase of litigation, following a major court victory in the Nevada Supreme Court against Meta and TikTok. There, the Nevada Supreme Court rejected arguments that the companies were immune from suit due to Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, paving the way for the lawsuits to continue.

Attorney General Ford secured a first-in-the nation settlement with interactive game platform Roblox, requiring meaningful injunctive relief to protect children for improper communications and addiction to online activities, as well as payment of \$10 million to encourage children to engage in non-digital programs.

Seeking Justice for Victims of the Opioid Epidemic

Under Attorney General Ford, the State continues to actively litigate against opioid manufacturers, distributors, pharmacies, and pharmacy benefits managers to hold them accountable for the opioid crisis that has killed and continues to kill thousands of Nevadans and devastated the state's health care and public safety systems. This litigation is the most complex litigation in Nevada history but has resulted in Nevada being a state that has seen one of the best recoveries per capita.

Throughout the last biennium, Attorney General Ford entered settlements that will now bring the total recoveries from the opioid litigation to over a billion dollars at **\$1,216,557,076.53**. These recoveries will be allocated through the State's One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries and are being used to mitigate the harms, impacts, and effects of the opioid epidemic on Nevadans and save lives. Some of the key settlements this past biennium include:

- Kroger: \$26,718,162.19
- Sacklers and Purdue Pharma: \$57,941,815.03

Nevada was and continues to be uniquely impacted by the opioid crisis and continues to be one of the hardest-hit states.

Attorney General Ford continues to be active in running the OAG's Substance Use Response Working Group (SURG) committee which has been an active partner with DHHS to implement and update the needs assessment and state plan, which guides funding for the very programs and services that stop overdoses and save lives.

The BCP has also worked closely with the Fund for Resilient Nevada (FRN) to continue to update an online dashboard to provide transparency for opioid recoveries, including the allocation amounts through the One Nevada Agreement on Allocation of Opioid Recoveries, as well as the use of those funds for remediation programs and

services. The dashboard can be found on the Fund for Resilient Nevada website here: <https://www.dhs.nv.gov/Programs/frn/>.

Utilities Advocacy

Attorney General Ford's BCP also advocates on behalf of Nevada residential ratepayers before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Utilities advocacy has a profound effect on fair rates for residential electricity and gas.

Over the past biennium, the Bureau of Consumer Protection intervened and participated in 59 Dockets, including two general rate case dockets, three integrated resources planning dockets, and six rulemaking dockets.

Through this advocacy, the Bureau of Consumer Protection fights for consumers to ensure just and reasonable rates under law. Notably, the Bureau of Consumer Protection prevented an unreasonable monthly service charge increase of over 90% from being implemented in Northern Nevada, keeping the monthly service charge increase to a more reasonable increase of \$2.

In addition, the Bureau of Consumer Protection continues its fight to prevent an unprecedented demand charge from being implemented without due consideration from courts on its legality.

Complex Litigation Division

Under the direction of the solicitor general, the Complex Litigation Division (CLD) provides representation in difficult, challenging, and high-profile cases in both state and federal courts. In furtherance of those matters, the CLD works closely with other state agencies, divisions and elected officials to best advocate for the Battle Born State. While not limited to one substantive subject matter area, CLD matters typically involve:

- Constitutional challenges, such as the constitutional challenge to the health benefit plan known as the "public option" set forth in Senate Bill 420 of the 2021 regular session (SB 420).
- Large numbers of impacted individuals or damages, or issues of particular importance to the state of Nevada, such as defending the Nevada Gaming Control Board and the Nevada Gaming Commission against continued efforts by the prediction market industry to conduct unlicensed gaming within Nevada, obtaining the first state court injunctions in the United States to prohibit known prediction markets from operating within Nevada.

Special Litigation

Led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Kiel B. Ireland, the Special Litigation Division represents the State when the federal government illegally harms Nevada families by interfering with Nevada's sovereignty. It also advises State agencies and the OAG in interactions with the federal government, such as when the OAG applies for federal grants with changing terms and conditions.

Since January 2025, the State has joined over 50 lawsuits. Special Litigation is currently litigating more than 40 such lawsuits, including successes to preserve birthright citizenship, ending unlawful unilateral tariffs, restoring illegally cut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program funding, and removing unlawful conditions imposed on Victims of Crime Act funding. These lawsuits have saved the State over \$40 million in federal funding that was unlawfully rescinded or withheld until the State filed suit.

The Special Litigation Division is leading the multistate coalition in litigating three lawsuits:

- In *California v. Trump (California I)*, Nevada is challenging President Trump's March 2025 executive order that purports to add proof of citizenship and vote counting requirements to supersede Nevada statute, even though the plain language of the Constitution provides States and Congress (not the President) the authority to regulate elections. Nevada won at the district court, permanently enjoining the challenged provisions.
- In *California v. Trump (California II)*, Nevada is challenging President Trump's subsequent executive order that sought to create a single, federal centralized list by which the federal government (not states) would determine who is eligible to vote, enforcing that requirement through commandeering of the United States Postal Service, at threat of criminal prosecution of state and local election officials. Again, the plain language of the Constitution provides states and Congress (not the President) the authority to regulate elections. Nevada won again at the district court, permanently enjoining the challenged provisions.
- In *Maryland v. U.S. Department of Education*, Nevada is challenging a new Department of Education rule that discriminates against students pursuing advanced nursing degrees, among others, relative to other "professional degrees" in law, medicine, theology and other fields for purposes of federal student loan limits, effectively restricting access to healthcare degrees. Plaintiff states are seeking an injunction so that advanced nursing degrees and

some other healthcare degrees are likewise categorized as “professional degrees.” This case is still pending before the district court.

Business and Industry Division

The attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General Business and Industry Division support the Nevada Department of Business and Industry (B&I) and a multitude of state agencies both within and outside of B&I. The Division is led by Chief Michael Detmer, who oversees nine attorneys in their legal representation of the agencies. Their duties include administrative prosecutions; interpretation and/or assisting in the drafting of governing laws; representation in litigation; and providing day-to-day legal advice. In so doing, the Division assists these agencies, only a fraction of which are discussed below, in the execution of their mandate to protect the public and to encourage, promote and ensure the legal operation of business within the state¹.

Colorado River Commission of Nevada (CRC)

The CRC is a seven-member body, overseeing a broad range of responsibilities, including setting policies for managing Nevada's allocation of federally marketed hydroelectric power, supporting construction and maintenance of power delivery infrastructure and operations, and representing the State in safeguarding Nevada's allocation of Colorado River water resources.

Recent successes include:

- Providing legal assistance to the CRC's efforts with the Bureau of Reclamation to release stranded federal funds to purchase three wide-head turbines for use in Hoover Dam's hydropower production, increasing capacity.
- Continued legal support for the on-going negotiations with other states regarding the operational guidelines for the Colorado River.

Nevada Financial Institutions Division (FID)

The FID regulates financial institutions within Nevada. On average, the Division is annually involved in 15 to 20 enforcement and/or examination matters, with multiple matters ending up in litigation. Currently, the FID has three matters in active litigation in the courts.

Regulations: The Division assisted the FID in the drafting, interpretation, and/or adoption of the following regulations:

- Regulations related to NRS 604A and NRS 675: The Division has assisted the FID in the drafting and adoption of regulations that provide a permissible

¹ Figures provided below are best approximations.

framework for dual licensure which would allow a company to issue loans pursuant to NRS 604A and NRS 675.

- Regulations related to AB 332 – The Division assisted the FID with the regulation adoption process for regulations related to governing student loan servicers and establishing additional requirements for private education lenders under existing law. The FID adopted these regulations in October 2024.

Nevada Government Employee-Management Relations Board (EMRB)

The EMRB adjudicates disputes between local governments, employee organizations, and local government employees, along with disputes between certain state employees and the Executive Department of the State of Nevada.

From September 2024 to July 2026, the Division assisted in the EMRB's adjudication of 13 matters with preparation of both interlocutory orders and final decisions for each matter. Additionally, the Division defended EMRB decisions on five petitions for judicial review and subsequent appeals before the Nevada courts.

Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development & Board of Economic Development

The Division represents both the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) and the Board of Economic Development ("the Board"). GOED consists of the Film Office, an Office of Entrepreneurship, and a Division of Economic Development. The Board of Economic Development is comprised of nine voting members and three non-voting members with the Governor serving as chair, working together to promote growth and diversification of Nevada's economy.

Noteworthy representation:

- The Division assisted GOED with the contracts authorizing creation of portions of the trust agreements for Campus for Hope (C4H) a large program (900+ residents) offering multiple benefits to those that are housing or employment challenged, including healthcare, employment assistance, education, and workforce assistance and both short-term and long-term housing. Campus for Hope is a \$200,000,000 project with half coming from C4H and half coming from the State of Nevada via matching funds. C4H is required to contribute an initial amount of \$25,000,000, and the State is required to contribute the final \$10,000,000. The trust is expected to be completely funded within twenty months.

The Nevada Real Estate Division (NRED).

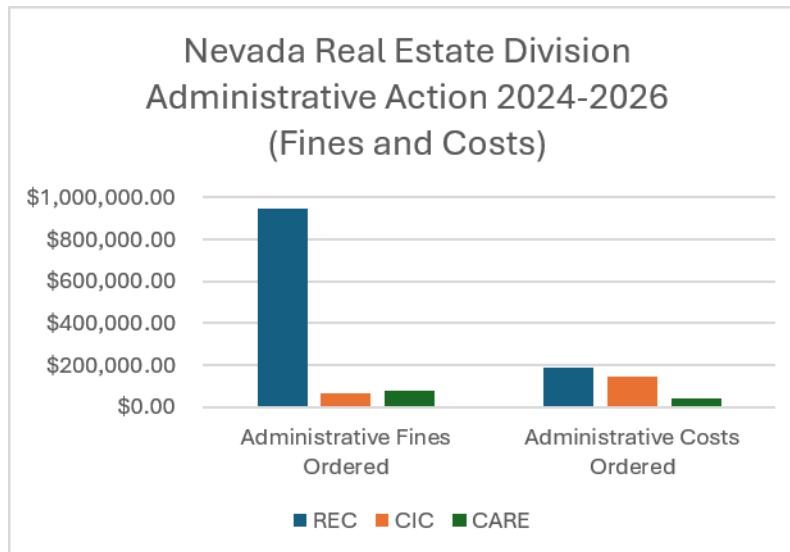
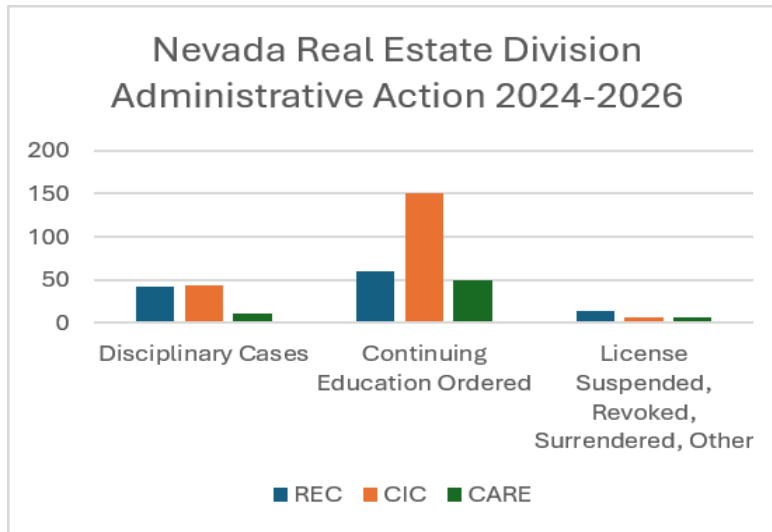
This Division is comprised of three entities: the Nevada Real Estate Commission (REC); the Nevada Common Interest Community Commission (CICC); and the Nevada Commission of Appraisers of Real Estate (CARE). In representing NRED,

the Division not only serves as general counsel, but also as administrative prosecutors for the disciplinary matters that are brought before them.

General Statistics:

- Administrative Disciplinary Matters
 - Nevada Real Estate Commission (August 2024–May 2026):
 - 42 disciplinary matters prosecuted, resulting in the following aggregated statistics:
 - \$946,454.00 administrative fines ordered;
 - \$188,583.59 administrative costs ordered;
 - 60 hours of continuing education ordered; and
 - Nine license revocations, one voluntary license surrender, three license downgrades, and one denial of a license renewal.
 - Common Interest Community Commission (September 2024–June 2026):
 - 43 Disciplinary matters prosecuted, resulting in the following aggregated statistics:
 - \$66,500 administrative fines ordered;
 - \$146,438.18 administrative costs ordered;
 - 151 hours of continuing education ordered; and
 - One Community Association Manager (“CAM”) license revocation, one CAM license downgrade, three Homeowners Association board member (“Board Member”) removals, one voluntary Board Member resignation.
 - Nevada Commission of Appraisers of Real Estate (July 2024–April 2026):
 - Eleven disciplinary matters were prosecuted, resulting in the following aggregated statistics:
 - \$76,650.00 administrative fines ordered;²
 - \$39,173.25 administrative costs ordered;
 - Fifty hours of continuing education ordered; and
 - One license revocation, one voluntary license surrender, two deferred license reactivations, two stayed license revocations.

² Note: cumulative fine amount when adjusted to reflect Orders from the Commission of Appraisers of Real Estate for reduction of fines pursuant to motion for reconsideration/modification brings the aggregate fine amount to \$16,650.



- **Litigation (July 2024–July 2026):** The Division represented and/or advised on 12 separate litigation matters, including Petitions for Judicial Review (“PJR”), connected to the NRED and/or one of the agencies within.

Noteworthy litigation:

- In *State, Dept. of Bus. & Indus., Real Estate Division v. Mansour*, the Nevada Supreme Court held that the Real Estate Commission acted within its statutory authority in adopting NAC 645.185(11), for which the Commission brought disciplinary proceedings against brokers and salesperson affiliated with a national commercial brokerage. In that case, the Supreme Court reaffirmed that Nevada administrative agencies possess broad discretion to adopt regulations that reasonably implement legislative directives.

Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC)

The NSAC regulates unarmed combat sports within Nevada, commonly considered the “fight capital of the world.” Some successes include:

- **Statistics on Administrative Matters (August 2024 to July 2026)**

The Division advised on and/or administratively prosecuted 60 disciplinary actions resulting in an aggregate of over \$138,990 in fines and over 62.5 years’ worth of suspended time. Additionally, the Division assisted NSAC in its adjudication of more than 11 protests to overturn the results of a contest held within its jurisdiction. The Division has also advised NSAC as it assisted the NSAC in multiple amendments to its regulations and rules, including the removal of cannabis and cannabis products from its list of prohibited substances and multiple amendments to ensure the safety of the fighters and the integrity of the contests.

Nevada State Board of Equalization (SBE)

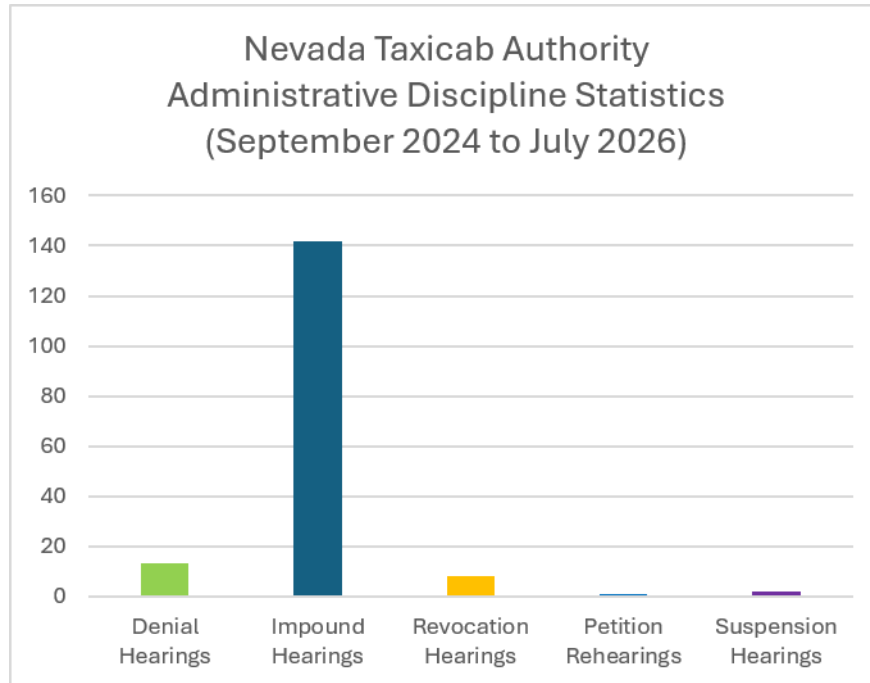
The SBE presides over appeals arising from the determinations of county boards of equalization regarding property valuations, including direct appeals from valuations of the Nevada Tax Commission. In 2024–2025, the SBE reviewed 52 matters (secured and unsecured property valuations) resulting in a cumulative net impact of \$420,550,373 from its determinations.

Nevada Taxicab Authority (NTCA)

The Division represented the NTCA in the following administrative actions:

Administrative Discipline Statistics (September 2024 to July 2026):

- 142 impound and/or vehicle release hearings (hearings regarding the impound or release of a vehicle used for illegal/unlicensed services as a taxi);
- Eight revocation hearings (hearings pertaining to the revocation of a taxi license for violations of law);
- One petition rehearing; and
- Two suspension hearings.



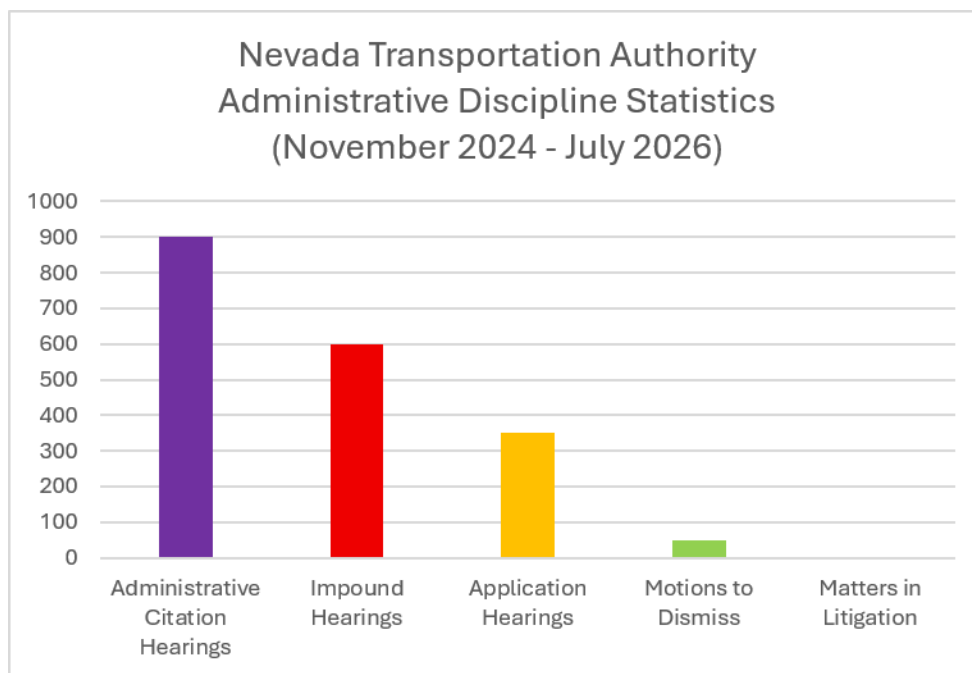
Noteworthy Representation:

- In the Matter of the Application of Desert Cab Co. To Adjust Taxicab Charges to Include a Pass-through Software License Charge:* Desert Cab Co. (“Applicants”) filed a joint application (“Application”) to increase taxi rates by \$0.50 (totaling approximately \$120 million over the life of the license), by way of a “pass through fee,” on customers to pay an alleged patent holder (“Patent Holder”) of software that is utilized by multiple taxicab licensees through a technology provider (“Tech Provider”). The proceeding included several intervenors who opposed and supported the rate increase including the administrator of the Taxicab Authority whose interests were represented by the Division. Through this Application, the Applicants were seeking to pay hypothetical damages that were theoretically incurred by the Tech Provider’s purported infringement of the patent held by the Patent Holder. After a multiple-day hearing involving several experts from throughout the country, the Taxicab Authority denied the application, having determined that the Applicant did not meet its burden to prove the increase would be proper, including by failing to show that the rate increase to customers would be just and reasonable.

Nevada Transportation Authority (NTA):

As with other agencies, OAG attorneys representing the NTA do so in multiple capacities, including serving as administrative prosecutors; defending the NTA’s litigation interests; and providing day-to-day legal advice. The Division’s NTA accomplishments include:

- General Administrative Discipline and Litigation Statistics (November 2024–July 2026):
 - 800 to 900 administrative citation hearings prosecuted;
 - 550 to 600 impound hearings prosecuted;
 - 300 to 350 application hearings wherein our DAGs served as counsel to the NTA;
 - 25 to 50 motions to dismiss prosecuted; and
 - Seven matters in litigation including PJRs (one complete and six pending).



Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards (BCCS)

Senate Bill (SB) 431 of the 82nd (2023) Session saw the creation within B&I of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards (BCCS). The BCCS is tasked with creating administrative uniformity for the multitude of public agencies that were brought under the BCCS by SB 431. The Division has continued to provide BCCS with legal guidance as it continues to execute its duties, including assistance with the drafting and adoption of regulations mandated for the administrative oversight of Title 54 boards.

Boards and Open Government Division (BOG)

The Boards and Open Government Division (BOG) is comprised of eight attorneys under the supervision of Chief Rosalie Bordelove. BOG primarily represents Nevada's Title 54 professional licensing boards, inclusive of 74 unique public bodies, along with various other state agencies. BOG also houses the Attorney General's Open Meeting

Law Enforcement Unit. Representation of Title 54 boards involves day-to-day advice, prosecution of licensees in disciplinary matters and general defense of the agencies. Over the past biennium the division accomplished the following:

- Training to state agencies governed by public bodies across state government is a vital function of the BOG division. In 2026, BOG conducted its Biennial Boards and Commissions Training that taught members and staff members of state agencies relevant law relating to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, Public Records Act, Ethics in Government Law, State contracting requirements, administrative rulemaking and administrative procedures. The training and materials are available on the [Attorney General's website](#) to be used as a training resource for new agency members and employees.
- Represented the Nevada State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services in its prosecution and revocation of McDermott Funeral and Cremation Service's license and its director's license following discovery that numerous bodies were found to have been improperly handled and waiting unreasonable amounts of time prior to being cremated.
- Represented the Barbers Health and Sanitation Board in its successful disciplinary action against The Art of Barbers School for serious health violations and abuse of student hours and defended that discipline against multiple state court challenges.
- Supported the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology in its successful disciplinary action against Ability School of Esthetics for failing to properly document student hours and allowing students to collect hours without performing instruction and defended that discipline against state court challenges.
- Ensured public transparency through enforcement of Nevada's open meeting laws, closing more than 100 investigations and issuing 59 opinions over this biennium.

Public Safety Division

The hard-working Public Safety Division of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is led by Chief Randall Gilmer, who directs 15 attorneys representing the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC). Their job is to defend the State against lawsuits filed by offenders against NDOC or their employees. These lawsuits are filed in federal courts as well as in state courts. The Public Safety Division (Division) is engaged in non-stop defense work at both the trial and appellate level. Since July 1, 2024, there have been 585 new cases filed (approximately one new case every business day this biennium), with the Division closing out 655 matters during that

same time. Currently, the Division has approximately 530 matters currently open and active.

In addition to litigation needs, the Division also provides NDOC support with many necessary and crucial general counsel tasks, which includes providing advice regarding administrative regulations, operating procedures, medical directives, contract review, public record requests, open meeting laws, and public hearings.

In 2021, the OAG worked with NDOC to protect the rights and medical needs of offenders, with NDOC agreeing to provide all consenting offenders with the Hepatitis C cure. NDOC continues to treat all offenders within the first year of their incarceration. On average, NDOC has received twelve new patients each month over the past two years. In all, since the agreement was finalized in 2021, 1,435 offenders have either begun or completed the process, with over 81% (1,093) of the patients being verified as cured, approximately 10% of the current prison population.

Lastly, as part of Attorney General Ford's community engagement and client services initiatives, Division employees routinely partner with NDOC's annual Badges and Bows Toy Drive, benefiting the St. Jude Children's Home in Boulder City, Nevada.

Transportation Division

This Division, led by Chief Gordon Goolsby and his team of 14 attorneys, serves as legal counsel to several large State agencies: the Department of Transportation (NDOT); Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Together, these Departments are responsible for safeguarding, building and maintaining Nevada's infrastructure, vehicle licensing and registration, public safety, and for responding to emergencies.

The Division supports NDOT, which plans, constructs, maintains, and operates the State's highway system and broader transportation and communications infrastructure, by advising on contracts, right-of-way acquisition, environmental compliance, and construction-related matters, helping NDOT manage complex legal risks.

The Division supports DMV, the agency resolving all facets of driver licensing and revocation, vehicle registration, and motor carrier regulations, by assisting with administrative hearings, civil litigation, and enforcement actions.

The Division also provides counsel to DPS, an agency whose mission spans law enforcement, highway safety, criminal investigations, emergency communications, and various public safety programs such as Peace Officers Standards Training group (POST), Parole and Probation, and Sex Offender Registration and Supervision.

The Division supports the Office of Emergency Management, which coordinates statewide preparedness, disaster response, recovery, mitigation, and homeland security efforts. During emergencies and disasters, the Division offers ongoing up-to-the-minute legal guidance on issues ranging from emergency declarations to interagency coordination, ensuring fast-moving efforts when lives are on the line.

Finally, the Division houses the Tort Claims Investigations Group, which investigates and evaluates each claim filed against state agencies and employees to determine factual and legal merit, assess risk, and determine potential liability, playing a central role in protecting the State's legal and financial interests.

Gaming Division

The Office of the Attorney General's Gaming Division plays a vital role in the regulation of Nevada's gaming industry. The Gaming Division, led by Chief Darlene Caruso, is comprised of five attorneys and two support staff. The Division represents the Nevada Gaming Control Board (NGCB) and Nevada Gaming Commission (NGC) on all matters within their jurisdiction and control. This representation includes providing advice related to the hundreds of applications filed each year by those wishing to do business in or with Nevada's gaming industry, prosecuting disciplinary cases against licensees who violated the Gaming Control Act, shepherding regulations and statutory amendments through the proper procedures for enactment, and advising the clients on matters related to open government, public records, contracts and gaming trusts. The Gaming Division further assists the clients with issues related to taxation and audit matters, the patron dispute process, investigative hearings and litigation cases.

Between August 1, 2024, and August 1, 2026, the Gaming Division has issued over 110 advisory opinions to our clients and handled over 30 disciplinary cases while working on over 37 regulation projects to streamline gaming approvals and foster innovation in gaming.

Noteworthy activities from the biennium include:

- Initiated successful enforcement actions against unlicensed prediction markets operating illegally in Nevada.
- Investigated and resolved multiple disciplinary complaints pertaining to anti-money laundering failures by several nonrestricted licensees, recovering a total of \$34 million in fines and revoking the license of former casino executive Scott Sibella.

- Represented the NGCB in placing two convicted illegal bookmakers— Wayne Nix and Mathew Bowyer—on Nevada’s List of Excluded Persons.
- Drafted and stewarded to final adoption new regulations focused on anti-money laundering and increased compliance procedures.
- Work closely with the NGCB’s Enforcement Division to prevent operations of unregulated and illegal wagering by issuing cease and desist letters where appropriate and partnering with other jurisdictions to advance the common goal of regulated gaming for Nevada’s citizens.
- Made significant revisions to the regulations and Technical Standards governing gaming devices to remove outdated and overly burdensome requirements as well as to improve and streamline the approval process.
- Prosecuted the first two known Nevada horse administrative doping cases and appeals thereof on behalf of the NGCB before the NGC, resulting in \$105,000 in fines as well as administrative penalties revoking the horse trainers’ licenses, barring them from racing in Nevada.

Personnel Division

The Personnel Division (“the Division”) is comprised of 11 attorneys and one legal researcher under the leadership of Chief Cameron Vandenberg. The Division has two sections, the Employment Section and the Labor Section.

Employment Section

Nine attorneys comprise the employment section of the Division and advise/represent constitutional offices and all agencies within the Executive Department in employment matters involving the client agencies’ employees. This representation ranges from providing routine daily advice to defending client agencies before administrative hearing officers/arbitrators and state and federal courts.

Routine daily advice involves reviewing proposed employee discipline, ensuring that the rights of the agencies and the employee are protected. Attorneys also routinely advise on workplace rights compliance—such as family and medical leave, disability accommodations, protections for pregnant workers, and protections for veteran workers—to ensure equal employment opportunities for all employees.

Over the past biennium, the Division prevailed in numerous administrative matters involving employees’ disciplinary appeals, ensuring that State employees are held accountable for poor performance or misconduct.

Additionally, the Section has achieved favorable results on behalf of the State in multiple lawsuits filed by State employees in state and federal courts, whether through court orders or by reaching fair settlement.

Labor Section

This section is staffed by one Special Counsel and one Deputy Attorney General. These attorneys work with the Governor's Office and the Division of Human Resource Management to negotiate collective bargaining agreements ("CBAs") and resolve labor dispute through mediation, arbitration, administrative hearings before the Government Employee-Management Relations Board ("EMRB") and litigation.

A new State employee bargaining unit was organized in June 2026, and the Section worked with the Division of Human Resource Management for the entire EMRB election process, requiring negotiating a new CBA beginning in August 2026.

The Executive Department currently has 13 organized State employee bargaining units covered by ten separate CBAs. Nevada law requires these CBAs to be re-negotiated every two years. CBA negotiations began in April 2026, and this Section represents the Executive Department in all 68 mandatory negotiation sessions required under Nevada law. CBA negotiations continue through to September 2026, and any unresolved CBAs must then go through the impasse arbitration process. Impasse arbitrations are led by the Section and must be concluded by December 2026.

Government and Natural Resources Division

The Government and Natural Resources Division (GNR) of the Office of the Attorney General is comprised of 11 attorneys under the direction of Chief Greg Ott.

GNR provides general counsel advice to three constitutional officers: Secretary of State, the Controller, and the Treasurer. Additionally, legal support is provided to eight Executive Branch Agencies: Department of Administration; Department of Education; Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation; Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Office of the Military, Department of Native American Affairs; the Department of Wildlife; and the Commission on Mineral Resources.

GNR provides legal advice allowing these agencies to carry out their responsibilities under law, defends these agencies in administrative and judicial proceedings, advises on administrative rulemaking processes, and assists them with transparency laws such as their public records and open meeting law responsibilities. GNR generally assists these executive branch agencies in operating the programs and enforcing the laws enacted by the legislature while also defending challenges to those actions.

From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, GNR worked on several issues that benefited Nevadans. Here are a few examples:

Secretary of State

Attorney General Ford and the GNR deputy attorneys general continue to ensure the integrity of Nevada's elections by fending off legal challenges to undermine and interrupt the electoral landscape at every level, both for the 2024 General Election and the 2026 Primary Election.

- *Aguilar v. Washoe County*: In 2024, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners failed to canvass the results of the primary election within the time frame allotted by statute. GNR attorneys immediately filed suit in the Nevada Supreme Court seeking a writ to compel the County to canvass the vote as required by law. The County promptly scheduled another meeting to complete their statutory obligations before responding to the writ, ensuring Washoe County primary voters rights were protected.
- *Republican National Committee v. Aguilar*: GNR attorneys successfully defended a challenge to Nevada's statute allowing the counting of ballots postmarked on or before election day. While Plaintiffs appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States Supreme Court recently resolved the same constitutional issue in favor of Mississippi's similar law, vindicating the validity of Nevada's statute.
- *Citizen Outreach Writ Petitions*: Citizen Outreach filed three writ petitions against county clerks attempting to compel the processing of challenges to voter eligibility. The Secretary of State intervened, and GNR attorneys secured voluntary dismissals of each lawsuit.
- *Osborne v. Hoen Writ Petition*: Plaintiff sought to compel the Carson City Clerk to process her voter challenge petitions that were not based on firsthand knowledge, as required by law. The Secretary of State intervened and GNR attorneys, along with attorneys for Carson City, secured a denial of the Writ.

Department of Education

- Establishment of the Education Service Center: Senate Bill 460 of the 2025 Legislative Session created the Education Service Center as a new agency to develop, manage, and provide services and programs to local education agencies. GNR attorneys have worked closely with the interim director of the ESC to develop this asset for local educators.
- Reorganization of the Clark County School District: In 2025 GNR attorneys worked with the Department of Education staff to issue a Notice of Corrective Action to the Clark County School District which installed a compliance

monitor at CCSD to ensure it faithfully implements the state laws requiring the development and empowerment of local school precincts.

- **Work with the Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment:** GNR attorneys continually provide legal advice and assistance to the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, which hears appeals of bullying decisions made by local school districts and investigates adult to child bullying incidents through the state.
- **Revocation of teachers' licenses:** GNR attorneys also revoked the teaching licenses of six educators who violated their obligations as educators under state law.

Division of Water Resources

- *Egger Enterprises, LLC v. State Engineer:* After a water rights holder failed to use portions of its water rights for decades, the State Engineer declared those unused portions forfeited. The water rights holder challenged the decision, on various grounds, in court. GNR's water team successfully defended the State Engineer's decision in district court and in the Nevada Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's opinion in the case reaffirmed the State Engineer's authority to protect Nevada's precious water resources.
- *Thorson, P.E. v. Esmeralda Minerals, LLC:* After the State Engineer granted a mining company an extension of time to prove beneficial use of its water rights, a rival company challenged the decision in court. The district court reversed the State Engineer's decision. On appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court, GNR's water team successfully argued that the district court's decision was legal error, with the court reiterating that courts owe great deference to the State Engineer's technical and scientific expertise in making decisions about Nevada's water resources.

Division of State Lands

- *Nevada v. Marlin:* The Division of State Lands learned that the owner of an adjacent lot in the Lake Tahoe basin enhanced their view of the Lake by removing or excessively trimming nine mature Jeffrey Pine trees located on land owned by the State. In 2024, the Office of the Attorney General sued for damage to state property. After litigation in both state and federal court, the property owners reached a settlement to pay \$165,000 to the State for damage to state property.
- **Campus for Hope Lease Negotiation:** In 2023, the Legislature allocated funding for a \$200 million public-private partnership known as the Campus

for Hope, which is intended to be a comprehensive facility that provide temporary housing, case management, childcare, vocational training, medical, dental, and behavioral and substance abuse counseling to help individuals out of homelessness. A 26-acre parcel on the State's Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS) campus was identified as an ideal potential location and Division attorneys worked closely with state officers at an accelerated pace to allow the transfer of State services to other locations and allow the Campus for Hope to occupy the facility and commence construction to serve Nevadans as quickly as possible.

Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation

- *Urbanek v. DETR*: In 2025, the Business Enterprise of Nevada (BEN), a Nevada program to train and assist blind individuals to own and operate food and vending services in government buildings, published notice that it was seeking a vendor to operate a Café at Hoover Dam. The vendor who currently operated the Hoover Dam Gift Shop challenged a BEN policy that limited operators of the highly lucrative Hoover Dam sites to a single location. GNR attorneys assisted BEN in defeating the operator's federal lawsuit and then also secured an administrative ruling finding that their decision in awarding the site to another vendor was appropriate, ensuring that multiple Nevadans have the economic opportunity to operate these highly lucrative sites.

The above examples are some of the significant public victories that Division attorneys were able to secure for their clients. However, it is important to remember that the Division works hard to keep its clients out of court by advising them to take only legally defensible actions, and explaining its decisions, legal authority and reasoning to members of the public and opposing parties when possible. It also operates with a customer service mindset, always mindful that our clients are subject matter experts and we are there to assist them in lawfully executing the laws. These less visible actions often save agencies the time and effort of pursuing a policy prematurely, and the public the stress and expense of challenging it. Much of the most significant work done in the Division to allow for the timely and effective execution of the laws of the state will never find its way into a courtroom, but this work is essential to allowing such a small team of attorneys to serve so many state agencies.

Taxation Division

The Taxation Division at the Office of the Attorney General is headed by Chief David Pope, who oversees 15 Deputy Attorneys General and one Compliance Investigator. They represent the Department of Taxation, Tax Commission, Commission on Local Government Finance, Appraisers Certification Board, the Cannabis Compliance Board, the Division of Insurance, the Department of Agriculture (and related boards and commissions), the Labor Commissioner, the State Infrastructure Bank and the

Attorney for Injured Workers. The Division also includes the Tobacco Enforcement Unit. Highlights from work over the past biennium include:

Tobacco Enforcement Unit

The Tobacco Enforcement Unit pursues diligent enforcement of the Master Settlement Agreement against tobacco companies, working with investigators and youth agents to ensure licensees are complying with Nevada statute.

Additionally:

- During the biennium, 1,859 youth compliance checks were completed resulting in 192 sales to minors and an overall sales rate to minors of 10.33%, a reduction from fiscal year 2024–2025, with the rate continuing to decrease each fiscal year.
- As of the end of the fiscal year, 174 licensees were cited pursuant to NRS 370.521(7) when their employees made sales to minors.
- AB 53 has been effective since Jan. 1, 2024, and continues to reduce the rate of sales to minors.

Department of Taxation

Support to the Department of Taxation over the past biennium includes the following:

- Enforcement of many of the taxes found in Title 32 of the NRS, as well as additional taxes found in other statutes, aiding the collection of approximately \$10 billion of state general fund revenue annually.
- Defense of audit deficiencies in administrative hearings and appeals, as well as the subsequent appeals (petitions for judicial review) as they progress through the various district courts and the Nevada Supreme Court—as well as occasionally federal courts, often involving federal and state constitutional issues.
- Responses to a large number of petitions for advisory opinions; drafting of regulations and technical bulletins; and review of the ever-increasing number of purchasing contracts.
- Advice on bankruptcy cases and pursuing payment of the Department's claims, as well as providing advice regarding general collection issues.
- Assisting the Department in the pursuit of legislation creating cannabis tax permits to simplify cannabis tax collection.

Cannabis Compliance Board (“CCB”)

The Cannabis Compliance Board regulates the cannabis industry, inspects licensees and pursues disciplinary matters.

- These Division attorneys supported the CCB in transitioning its regulations
- This past biennium, the Division attorneys prepared hundreds of letters of concern, which assisted cannabis licenses to continue operating within the Nevada regulatory scheme.

Health and Human Services Division

Chief Sharon Benson leads 13 full-time and two half-time attorneys who support the work of what is now known as the Department of Human Services and the Nevada Health Authority. Deputy Attorneys General (DAGs) offer daily client advice, including advice on complex matters such as the Medicaid Services Manual and Medicaid State Plan, and public records. They assist in regulations, contracts, and responses to voluminous subpoenas for documents (including review for privilege and confirmation of compliance with subpoenas, as there are strict confidentiality laws in Medicaid, child welfare and others), due process, and fair hearing rights.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Division of Social Services (DSS)

Attorneys represent three separate agencies within DSS: welfare programs, child support programs, and childcare service programs. Medicaid is the most legally complex of all the welfare programs. Individuals apply for Medicaid benefit annually through DSS. In 2025, DSS processed over 315,000 new applications and over 1,032,000 redeterminations. The DSS DAG approves every application or redetermination that involves a legal question, which may include questions of eligibility such as citizenship, residency, income, resources, transfers of assets, and guardianship. Over the past biennium, Deputy Attorneys General in this Division:

- Assisted the client in recovering \$3,115,323.73 in fraud and overpayments during the biennium. Federal regulations require DWSS to collect overpayments made due to fraud, applicant mistake, or agency inadvertence.
- Assisted the client in recovering millions of dollars through Intentional Program Violations (IPV, aka fraud).
- Promote justice and protect some of the most vulnerable citizens when mismanagement of a trust occurs. DAGs often assess trusts and can bring an

action to remove a trustee who is mismanaging a trust or taking advantage of a vulnerable individual.

- DAGs represent the Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP) and carry nearly 7,000 open child support cases throughout Nevada, assisting DSS in entering arrears judgments against non-custodial parents in an amount exceeding \$900,000 (in one month alone).

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

Deputy Attorneys General serve as general counsel to DPBH, which is broken into two different programs: Behavioral Health and Public Health.

- Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health includes both civil and forensic commitments. The State of Nevada has a statutory, constitutional, and ethical obligation to provide competency treatment to criminal defendants who are found to be incompetent. Commitment orders have increased 65% from 2022 to the present, which had followed an increase of approximately 296% in the ten years up to 2022. From January 2025 to June 2026, the DAGs have represented the client in over 500 contempt hearings, answering why Behavioral Health had not transported defendants within seven days, resulting in over \$3,000,000 in sanctions while longer term legislative solutions are implemented.
- Public Health - Our Public Health DAG represents numerous vital public agencies including Emergency Medical Services; the Radiation Control Program; Women, Infants and Children (WIC); Community Health Nursing; the Office of Vital Records (which maintains every birth and death certificate for the state); the Medical Marijuana Registry; and the Substance Use Prevention & Treatment Agency, as well as the Chief Medical Officer for the State of Nevada, and staffs the Nevada Board of Health, which meets at least quarterly and is the primary body which adopts regulations and approves variances. The DAG assists the client with drafting and promulgating DPBH regulations, which span the majority of NRS Title 40 chapters (Public Health and Safety, NRS 439–461A).

Aging And Disability Services Division (ADSD)

DAGs represent the ADSD client on multiple programs, including Adult Protective Services; Nevada Early Intervention Services Desert Regional Center; Rural Regional Center and Sierra Regional Center; the autism treatment assistance program; the office of community living; and Nevada 211. DAGs currently average 83–103 guardianship matters for ADSD monthly.

Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)

Within DCFS, DAGs represent Child Welfare throughout rural Nevada, Children's Mental Health, Juvenile Justice and the Family Programs Office.

- DAGs filed over 35 petitions for terminations of parental rights and assisted the client on cases that resulted in over 150 adoptions.
- Deputy Attorneys General attend approximately 20 juvenile justice and behavioral health related hearings a month.

Additionally, DAGs sit on several committees such as the Court Improvement Program and Child Death Review. They also ensure social workers are trained in individual due process rights, Native American Tribal sovereignty and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

NEVADA HEALTH AUTHORITY:

DAGs represent the new Nevada Health Authority, encompassing the state Medicaid program (formerly the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy), licensing and regulation of healthcare facilities, the Public Employees Benefit Plan and the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. The Nevada Health Authority, with a \$21 billion biennial budget, is Nevada's largest agency. The Health Authority is a complex client. The creation of the agency added a new Director, three new Deputy Directors, three new Administrators, an Executive Officer, an Executive Director, and four new divisions.

Our office represents the unique programs within each of Nevada Health Authority Divisions and the Director's Office. Our office also provides ongoing counsel to the Nevada Health Authority and its divisions, including regular client advice on a multitude of issues. Our DAGs assist in drafting and revising regulations, review and consult on request for proposals, contracts and other agreements, and provide guidance on public records requests and draft responses to subpoenas where our office strives to maintain transparency while protecting confidentiality. Our DAGs also advise committees on meetings and the client on workshops, and ensure agendas, minutes, and procedures comply with open meeting law for multiple public bodies. Moreover, our DAGs consult on matters that have potential to lead to litigation and represent the client in litigation matters not handled by complex litigation. And our DAGs consult on policies and procedures and ensure they align with both federal and Nevada law.

Director's Office

The OAG represents the Nevada Health Authority Director's Office. The Director's Office includes a Pharmacy Officer, Dental Officer, Clinical Physician, and Chief

Biostatistician. It includes workforce development, the graduate Medical Education Program, the Rural Health Transformation program, and an IT innovation unit. It oversees the four new divisions, administers and supervises the Health Authority as the single state agency for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Control (CMS) and oversees all major litigation.

Division of Nevada Medicaid

This Division encompasses much of the former Division of Health Care Financing and Policy. However, it was expanded and changed by the 2025 legislation. The OAG provides legal representation for the Division, which includes benefits and delivery systems, federal policy and compliance waivers, long term care, community supports, pharmacy services, Managed Care Organizations, Medicaid Eligibility Policy (determination and enrollment are still managed by the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services) and Children's Behavioral Health Policy.

The DAG workload has increased over the past decade as Medicaid has grown exponentially since Nevada opted into the Medicaid expansion program under the Affordable Care Act. Medicaid also underwent rapid growth in 2019 due to the COVID pandemic. In 2025, an average of 811,459 individuals were enrolled in the program, almost 1 in 4 Nevadans.

Our office represents the program and assists the client in ensuring Medicaid recipient and provider due process rights are met. Any time there is an adverse action (*i.e.* a Medicaid claim is denied), both Medicaid providers and Medicaid recipients have a right to an appeal and a fair hearing/administrative trial. In 2025, there were 1,344 hearing requests by recipients and providers, 548 prehearing discussions for claim resolutions, and 49 full evidentiary administrative trials. Our DAGs remain available to consult on all requests and represent the client in hearings and resulting petitions for judicial review.

The Division of Nevada Medicaid also created the Children's Behavioral Health Policy program, which is tasked with implementing the Department of Justice (DOJ)

Settlement Agreement to improve services to children with behavioral health disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING AND COMPLIANCE:

Our office provides legal representation for the Division of Purchasing and Compliance. This Division includes the Medicaid Inspector General, the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC), and Purchasing and Contracts.

- **Division of Purchasing and Compliance, Medicaid Inspector General**
Our office represents the Medicaid Inspector General, the program that focuses

on Medicaid fraud, recoupment and recoveries, Medicaid Estate Recovery and Third-Party Liability. DAGs:

- Assist in Medicaid Estate Recovery (MER). In 2023, DAGs had nearly 1,000 open MER files and assisted the client in recovering \$8,223,642.57 in 2024 and \$8,476,502.95 in 2025. DAGs draft lien petitions, notices of hearing, orders and lien notices. DAGs appear at hearings and draft any releases, demands for payment from title companies or withdrawals.
- File creditors' claims in probate cases, averaging approximately 50–60 creditors' claims each month. In addition, recent legislation now requires Medicaid to issue Transfer on Death Deed (TODD) waivers for any person in Nevada selling property subject to a transfer on death deed, whether the decedent is a Medicaid recipient or not.
- Assisted in recovering \$3,778,480.43 in 2024, \$6,555,744.18 in 2025, and \$2,775,082.35 in 2026 by July 2026, in Third Party Liability claims.

➤ **Division of Purchasing and Compliance, Licensing and Regulation**

Our office represents Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC). HCQC inspects, licenses and regulates health facilities in Nevada to ensure patient safety, uphold quality of care standards, and prevent neglect or abuse. HCQC requires significant DAG support. Our office represents the client in sanctions and corrective actions, license revocations, administrative appeals, settlement negotiations, and petitions for judicial review arising from licensing decisions. To ensure due process rights are met, any time an adverse action is taken against a facility (for instance a license or certificate is denied, suspended or revoked, a sanction is issued, etc.) that facility has a right to a fair hearing.

One notable victory was against a group of highly non-compliant Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) that had accumulated multiple serious violations, including the absence of required physician oversight, incomplete medical records, unqualified personnel, hazardous housing conditions, substantiated child neglect, and repeated regulatory violations and attempted to obtain temporary restraining order against enforcement, working diligently with the client to uphold all enforcement actions, including civil penalties, license revocation and summary suspensions to remove the dangerous provider from our network.

DIVISION OF CONSUMER HEALTH:

Our office provides legal guidance to the new Division of Consumer Health. This Division consists of the Battle Born State Plan, the Nevada Health Link, the Nevada Health Insurance Market Place, and the Patient Protection Commission. This

Division focuses on healthcare, which is essential for maintaining physical and mental well-being, enhancing quality of life, and preventing disease for Nevadans.

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is comprised of five attorneys, ten investigators, and five support staff, all under the direction of Chief Andrew Schulke. Nevada's participation in the MFCU program is controlled by the Social Security Act, which dictates the requirements and standards of a state-operated MFCU.

The MFCU investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing health care services or goods to Medicaid patients/recipients. The MFCU also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect, as well as abuse or neglect of vulnerable adults in medical facilities. The MFCU helps to ensure that the hundreds of millions of dollars the State pays for Medicaid services are used to provide health care to low-income Nevada families, not to enrich fraudsters.

From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, the MFCU was able to obtain judgments for ordered restitution amounts in criminal and civil cases totaling approximately \$20,569,290.38. Additionally, the MFCU obtained sixty-six (66) total convictions and an additional twenty-two (22) civil settlements, each an increase over the past biennium. According to the federal government, the MFCU successfully prosecuted more than double the national average for fraud, despite having less than half the national average for staffing. It should be noted that for the 2025 state fiscal year, the MFCU set a new record high of thirty-nine (39) convictions.

The dedicated staff of the MFCU had several success stories in the past two years. Examples of successful prosecutions during the past two years include, but are not limited to:

- On September 8, 2025, Ariell Dix was convicted on multiple felony counts, including Medicaid fraud, obtaining and using personal identifying information of an older person for an unlawful purpose; and attempted racketeering by deliberately submitting false claims, misrepresenting qualifications, falsifying service authorizations, and exploiting the personal identifying information of Medicaid recipients—many over the age of 60—to defraud the program. The court ordered restitution and penalties of \$7.5 million from Ms. Dix for her role in operating and directing fraudulent behavioral health companies, in addition to serving jail time in Nevada after she completes her current Arizona prison sentence.
- On June 20, 2025, Greg and Carol Kirby were convicted and the announcement of an additional nine co-defendant convictions previously obtained were also made related to their roles in overseeing the Medicaid fraud and operating

fraudulent behavioral health companies, with restitution ordered of approximately \$5.5 million.

- On June 2, 2025, Camille Funches, Rodsheika Chester and their company, Building Resilience LLC were convicted of felony Medicaid fraud where billing was submitted for behavioral health services not provided. Funches and Chester were sentenced to 19 to 48 months in prison, suspended, and placed on probation for two years, with the court ordering restitution of \$1,000,000.

During the past two years, education about Medicaid fraud, abuse and neglect has continued to be a priority for the MFCU. During this time, the MFCU has:

- Educated the public on warning signs of possible Medicaid fraud. For the first time ever, in 2025 MFCU staff went on campus at UNLV to provide students with important information about Medicaid fraud as well as the laws concerning abuse and neglect of the elderly. The MFCU provided multiple outreach trainings at UNLV in both 2025 and 2026. The different schools that received outreach at UNLV included the Nurse Practitioner program as well as the doctorate level Nurse Practitioner program.
- In November 2025, the MFCU division presented and attended the University of Nevada at Reno Nursing Summit, focusing on Medicaid fraud and abuse/neglect legal issues.

Post-Conviction Division

The Post-Conviction Division (the Division) is the only entity in the state handling all federal post-conviction habeas corpus petitions and state post-conviction habeas corpus petitions challenging the computation of time credits for all state inmates. The Division is comprised of 13 attorneys under the supervision of Chief Heather Procter. For the last biennium, the Division averaged an 88% success rate in the U.S. District Court and the Ninth Circuit and has an approximately 95% success rate in the Nevada Supreme Court.

In the last biennium (January 2024 to June 2026), the Post-Conviction Division has:

- Opened 130 federal habeas cases, in line with the prior biennium;
- Appeared in 38 oral arguments in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, with another 17 scheduled between August and November 2026, compared to a total of 42 in the prior two years; plus an additional 12 oral arguments before the United States District Court, compared to two in the last biennium;

- Completed five death penalty cases, meaning those five defendants are now eligible for execution in Clark County, Washoe County, and White Pine County;
- Successfully reversed the federal district court on appeal in seven cases;
- Presented during a nationwide federal habeas training together with 14 other Attorney General Offices around the country in 2024 and will do so again this December;
- Handled 16 appeals from OAG prosecutions and matters in which the local district attorney's office was conflicted—double the number from the last biennium—resulting in four evidentiary hearings;
- Litigated 354 state cases—slightly lower than the last biennium (which had been a drastic increase from 2020–2022)—including two evidentiary hearings;
- Assisted the Nevada Department of Corrections regarding the passage and implementation of SB 413 (2023), a new time credit calculation statute, now scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2027, including consultation regarding legislation to amend SB 413 in 2025 (AB 542; AB 4 in special session). For the 2027 session, the Division will present a bill to further clarify existing provisions consistent with the intended enactment by the Department;
- Handled another 42 miscellaneous matters, including responses to inquiries from the Nevada Supreme Court regarding inmate mail logs and petitions for the Interstate Rendition of Material Witnesses to other states, in which Division attorneys coordinate the temporary transfer of Nevada Department of Corrections' inmates to other states to testify in criminal proceedings; and
- Successfully amended NRS 34.738 in SB 66 (2025) to clarify the proper court in which petitioners may file state habeas petitions challenging the calculation of their prison time.

Wrongful Conviction Compensation Cases

Attorneys in this Division also represent the State of Nevada in wrongful conviction compensation cases. In the last two years, the OAG opened an additional four cases. There are three cases scheduled for bench trials; the first wrongful conviction compensation trials in Nevada. In addition, the Division successfully defended the first substantive appeal of a wrongful conviction matter, resulting in the affirmance of the grant of a motion for summary judgment in favor of the State. The wrongful conviction compensation statute was also amended in the AB 4 (2025 special session)

to specify that an award under the wrongful conviction provision is not a finding of fault by any persons associated with the original criminal action.

Extraditions

The Post-Conviction Division and staff in the OAG fiscal team manage the OAG's role in extraditing individuals to and from Nevada. From July 2024 to June 2026, the OAG issued 113 requisitions on behalf of Nevada prosecutors and agencies and 38 governor's warrants on behalf of other states when the wanted person was in Nevada. Both numbers are consistent with the last biennium report. The OAG also facilitated 53 detainer requests for the temporary transfer of a state prisoner to another state to face untried charges. The State Extradition Officer also worked with State Purchasing to enter into three contracts (two active, one pending) with third-party prisoner transportation companies. Those contracts are important as they may be used by law enforcement at the state, country or city level to transport inmates from other states to Nevada, thereby reducing the costs of those extraditions. In addition, the Extraditions team successfully worked with local prosecutors to prioritize the extradition of those accused of higher-level felonies and to focus on the extradition of cases intended to proceed to trial.

Office of Military Legal Assistance

Created in 2015, the Office of Military Legal Assistance (OMLA) is a special division of the Nevada Office of the Attorney General (OAG). OMLA provides free legal assistance to Veterans and service members (SM) in a variety of civil legal issues. The division is comprised of the Director Dawn Jensen and Program Specialist Kimberly Brooks. OMLA provides services to Veterans and SM through intake, outreach, referrals, and pro bono services donated by the private bar. The legal needs vary but most often involve landlord tenant, real estate/HOA, consumer, low figure litigation/small claims, and estate planning.

In December 2024, OMLA launched their online intake accessible on the State's OMLA webpage. Online intake significantly improved case management and tracking abilities. Since its inception, nearly 1,400 intakes have been submitted by Veterans and service members. VA hospitals, Veteran organizations, and Nevada military installations/armories greatly contribute to directing individuals to the online intake for help.

OUTREACH:

With the cooperation of the North Las Vegas VA Medical Center, OMLA conducts monthly walk-in legal clinics and yearly large-scale *Military Ask-A-Lawyer* events. At these events, licensed attorneys volunteer to provide free legal consults to veterans and service members at the hospital. Similar events are also conducted in northern

Nevada through partnerships with Nevada Legal Services, the Elks Lodge and the Office of Adjutant General.

Here are a few examples of the help veterans and service members received:

- USAF Airman and his family were sued for more than \$14,000 by the prior landlord after the Airman terminated his lease due to deployment in accordance with the *Servicemembers Civil Relief Act* (SCRA). OMLA secured pro bono representation which eventually resulted in favorable settlement requiring the *landlord* to provide settlement funds to the Airman.
- OMLA has obtained pro bono estate planning services for countless retired military and veterans. To mention one, a retired disabled U.S. Navy Veteran, with a son currently serving in the U.S. Navy, was diagnosed with terminal illness. OMLA secured pro bono services which resulted in a free Living Trust completed just months before the veteran passed away.
- After their mother was tragically killed, a USAF Airman started taking care of his younger half-brother. Despite the brothers' estranged father and an ongoing out-of-state probate case, Airman wanted to become his brother's legal guardian to care for him while he continued to serve at Nellis AFB. OMLA secured pro bono representation who successfully handled the entire guardianship case free of charge.
- OMLA successfully represented an Airman and his wife after their landlord attempted to evict them while the Airman was deployed overseas, contrary to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Grants Unit

The Office of the Attorney General supports community non-profit organizations, local law enforcement agencies, and state-specific endeavors through \$11 million in grant projects. These projects allow Attorney General Ford to engage Nevada in vital work such as criminal justice and reforms to improve safety in our communities among vulnerable populations and to support victims of crimes.

- Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) – *Total Award: \$5,751,772. Project Period: 10/01/2021–09/30/2026.* Tackling the opioid epidemic head on, COSSUP seeks to leverage partnerships and collaborations to fight the epidemic across public health, behavioral health, and public safety sectors. In total, eleven entities are providing direct services to members of the community. During this time, a total of 14,106 pounds of controlled substances have been recovered by local law enforcement.

- Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecution (STOP) Formula Grant Program – *Total Award:* \$1,932,090. *Project Period:* 07/01/2025–06/30/2027. This grant is designed to develop and strengthen law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services. Thirty-five law enforcement, prosecution, and victim service agencies are funded, serving 12,253 victims in 2025 alone.
- NO HATE Act State-Run Hate Crime Reporting Hotline – *Total Award:* \$1,164,424. *Project Period:* 10/01/2023–09/30/2026. The hotline has provided victims and community members with comprehensive, trauma-informed support and referrals to direct victim services. This program has expanded outreach through partnerships with Nevada public libraries, collaborated with the Clark County School District and the Las Vegas Raiders during United Against Hate Week to increase awareness among students. No Hate Hotline staff conduct monthly outreach at the Mexican Consulate to provide multilingual education, in-person reporting assistance, and information on available resources. These efforts have strengthened statewide awareness, reduced barriers to reporting, and expanded access to services for underserved communities.
- Sexual Assault Services Formula Program (SASP) – *Total Award:* \$860,650. *Project Period:* 08/01/2025–07/31/2027. This grant supports rape crisis centers and services to victims of sexual assault. Fourteen victim service agencies are funded, serving 1,504 victims in 2025 alone.
- Enforcement of Cybercrimes – *Total award:* \$500,000. *Project Period:* 10/01/2024–09/30/2027. Grant funding provided Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the OAG Investigations Unit access to a cryptocurrency tracking tool to assist with investigation and Awaken to support critical victim services. To date the tracking tools have been implemented into investigations, 32 victims have received services, and one training has been provided.
- Improving Criminal Justice Response Grant (ICJR) – *Total Award:* \$500,000. *Project Period:* 10/01/2023–09/30/2026. The ICJR grant seeks to improve criminal justice responses to domestic violence and sexual assault by strengthening law enforcement and community responses to victims. Grant dollars currently fund a full-time Systems-Based Advocate position in the Office of the Attorney General to assist Lyon and Churchill Counties with their Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to victims, along with providing funding to these agencies to provide coordinated services in both counties.
- Improving Criminal Justice Response Grant (ICJR) – *Total Award:* \$500,000. *Project Period:* 04/01/2026–03/31/2029. The ICJR grant seeks to improve criminal justice responses to domestic violence and sexual assault by

strengthening law enforcement and community responses to victims. This project was awarded in July 2026 and will assist in providing sexual assault medical forensic exams in rural communities and developing best practice guidelines for the prosecution of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Ombudsman for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Human Trafficking

Jamie Trevino serves as the Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking. The Ombudsman acts as a state-level coordinator and independent mediator to help remove barriers within the criminal justice system and to hold people accountable to better serve survivors across the state. The Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking division does regular training for law enforcement, victim advocates, and prosecutors and regularly offers assistance to survivors to ensure victims receive referrals for services and issues within the legal system are investigated for compliance and justice.

Attorney General Ford, along with the Ombudsman, succeeded in combining the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) with the Sexual Assault Survivor's Advisory Committee into one unified working group, the Committee on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA), to better serve survivors across Nevada. This new committee added more voting members and survivor voices to provide input in all areas of victim services. The Ombudsman also works tirelessly to connect missing data points across the state to help better show the realities of domestic violence homicide and trafficking within Nevada.

The Ombudsman directly facilitates the CDVSA and its subcommittees, the Statewide Fatality Review Team, and chairs one of the Child Sexual Exploitation Committee subcommittees. She is also a co-chair of the Nevada Human Trafficking Coalition, a voting member of the Nevada Human Trafficking Policy Council, a member of numerous grant review teams and a participant in the Northern Nevada Sex Trafficking Taskforce. This collaboration also extends to working closely with the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, as well as the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Over the past biennium, following a request for proposal process, the Ombudsman championed the project management and data migration project of the new victim notification program known as NV S.A.V.E. This system gives immediate notice of an offender's in and/or out of custody status (within a city/county jail, the Department of Corrections, or state-run parole/probation) to anyone who registers for notifications. This helps to keep survivors, victims' families, and members of the public safe and aware of all releases of offenders back out into the community.

Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group

Attorney General Ford serves as Chair of the Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group (SURG). Utilize this link to review the Annual Report of the Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group (SURG) 2026: <https://ag.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/agnv.gov/Content/About/Administration/SURG%202025-26%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys

The Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys is comprised of seven members: the Attorney General; three district attorneys appointed by the Nevada District Attorneys Association; two city attorneys appointed by the Nevada League of Cities; and one POST-certified law enforcement officer appointed by the Governor. The Advisory Council's Executive Director, Michael Morton, is appointed by the Advisory Council and is employed by the Attorney General's Office. The Advisory Council is a statutorily created body, whose duties and powers are governed by chapter 241 of NRS. Attorney General Ford continued to serve as Chair of the Advisory Council for FY25 and FY26, while Washoe County District Attorney served as the Advisory Council's Vice Chair.

During the biennium, the Advisory Council:

- Conducted an in-person, two-day training in Las Vegas for prosecutors and law enforcement professionals entitled, "Successful Prosecutions in Technology-Facilitated Crimes." This experiential course focused on technology-facilitated crimes against children. Tailored for prosecutors, investigators, and victim advocates, this hands-on training covered victim grooming, digital investigations, child interviews, and prosecution strategies. Attendees from jurisdictions across Nevada engaged in practical exercises that emphasized their crucial role in investigating, working with witnesses, and building a strong case for prosecution.
- Hosted the 2025 Prosecutors Conference, attended by over 80 prosecutors, focusing on the role artificial intelligence can and will play in the criminal justice system, how to effectively use strategic advocacy in jury trials, and how to best regulate emotional functioning when considering the mental health of prosecutors. The Advisory Council also presented Clark County Chief Deputy District Attorney Nell Christensen with the 2025 William J. Raggio Award.
- Welcomed a delegation of over 20 lawyers, legal professionals, and judges from North African and Middle Eastern countries to discuss the rule of law and the U.S. judicial system. Sponsored by the United States Department of State and

the Northern Nevada International Center, this was the fourth delegation hosted by the Advisory Council in the last three years.

Victim Support Services Unit

Following legislative approval, the Victim Support Services Unit (“VSSU”) began its work in 2024, rapidly evolving into a significant force within Nevada for strengthening victim services and facilitating interagency collaboration for victims of crime. The VSSU has received 209 case referrals on behalf of more than 300 victims of crime.

Additional highlights for the Victim Support Services Unit include:

- Developed a quarterly statewide System-Based Advocacy (SBA) meeting in partnership with the Clark County District Attorney’s Victim Services Director, improving coordination and knowledge-sharing among agencies.
- Supported the implementation of Nevada S.A.V.E., enhancing services for victims statewide.
- Implemented a Social Work Practicum Student Program in connection with UNLV. Exposing students to a workforce pipeline development that provides real life interactions with impacted parties throughout the state teaching them how to navigate the criminal justice system and assist impacted parties with understanding and exercising their rights as victims in our state.

Coordinated the delivery of a two-part statewide training series in partnership with University of Nevada at Reno Extension, focused on 1) Vicarious Trauma & Self-Care Training and 2) Trauma-Informed Investigations & Prosecutions.

Investigations Division Report



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	Public Integrity/State Employee Crimes		Conflict/Prison/Other Crimes		Cyber Crimes	Insurance Fraud	Workers Compensation Fraud	Human Trafficking	Missing Children	Medicaid Fraud	Consumer/Financial Fraud	Guardianship/Elder Exploitation	TOTAL (all Units)	
COMPLAINTS/REFERRALS														
Complaints/Referrals Received	1030		1033		1036	1037	1038							
General Public	26	540	7	10	17	11	16	96	252	20			995	
Law Enforcement	4	6	62	5	-	2	-	7	18	3			107	
Nevada State Agencies	7	10	1	6	647	1	-	152	121	214			1,159	
Other Government Agencies	-	-	-	177	-	-	-	1	16	-			194	
Private Organization	-	-	1,552	1,775	32	-	-	42	14	-			3,415	
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OTHER	
Identity Theft Card Program (1030)	
	YTD
Telephone Inquiries	221
Police Report Request/Verifications	436
Identity Theft Cards Issued	59
Tobacco Enforcement (1031-21)	
Completed Synar Checks	564
Completed Non-Synar Checks	225
Other Attempts/Inspections	103
Total Attempts/Inspections	892
Citations/Warnings Issued (Synar)	72
Citations/Warnings Issued (Non-Synar)	18
Total Citations/Warnings Issued	90
Buy Rate (Synar)	12.8%
Buy Rate (Non-Synar)	8.0%
Combined Buy Rate	11.4%



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	Public Integrity/State Employee Crimes	Conflict/Prison/Other Crimes	Cyber Crimes	Insurance Fraud	Workers Compensation Fraud	Human Trafficking	Missing Children	Medicaid Fraud/Patient Abuse	Consumer/Financial Fraud	Guardianship/Exploitation	TOTAL (all Units)
COMPLAINTS/REFERRALS											
Complaints/Referrals Received											
General Public	32	315	18	13	26	13	26	96	197	16	752
Law Enforcement	4	14	1	7	-	-	-	14	27	3	70
Nevada State Agencies	4	13	-	4	583	1	1	131	214	142	1,093
Other Government Agencies	-	1	-	3	3	1	-	-	16	-	24
Private Organization	2	2	1,724	2,277	30	4	-	56	18	-	4,113
Complaints/Referrals Received (YTD)	42	345	1,743	2,304	642	19	27	297	472	161	6,052
Complaints/Referrals Screened											
Opened	1	2	413	61	522	1	-	100	6	-	1,106
Referred Out to Other Agencies	5	39	-	-	-	2	-	138	67	20	271
Resolved	-	12	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	5	24
Closed/Declined	25	282	814	1,498	120	14	23	64	438	160	3,438
Complaints/Referrals Screened (YTD)	31	335	1,227	1,559	642	18	24	302	516	185	4,839
PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS											
Preliminary Investigations Completed											
Opened as Investigations	9	7	7	85	-	2	4	47	26	3	190
Referred Out to Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Closed/Declined	-	1	-	613	-	-	-	16	-	-	630
Preliminary Investigations Completed (YTD)	9	8	7	698	-	2	4	65	26	3	822
INVESTIGATIONS											
Active Investigations at Year End											
Attorney General Investigations	9	22	1	287	105	39	2	104	56	4	629
Task Force Investigations	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Total Active Investigations	9	28	5	287	105	39	2	104	56	4	639



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INVESTIGATIONS (continued)											
Investigative Actions											
Arrests/Summons	-	-	9	13	126	32	-	11	11	1	203
Search/Seizure Warrants	3	1	31	28	1	1	-	4	5	1	75
Subpoenas/Request Letters	17	10	196	113	71	2	1	133	95	21	659
Child Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Forensic Examinations	-	-	84	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	88
Outreach	1	7	-	1	-	8	2	29	17	30	95
Other assists	26	10	8	1	83	18	-	-	11	12	169
Investigative Dispositions											
Referred for Prosecution	1	2	12	48	329	1	-	15	11	2	421
Referred Out to Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Resolved	5	5	3	-	7	2	1	-	13	1	37
Declined	5	-	1	28	186	-	-	7	3	-	230
Investigation Dispositions (YTD)	11	7	16	76	522	3	1	23	27	3	689

OTHER			
Dignitary Protection Detail (Partial Year: Jan 2026-Jun 2026 ONLY)		YTD	
Detail Staff Operation Hours		2108	
Backup Support Operation Hours		589	
Total Operation Hours		2697	
Identity Theft Card Program		YTD	
Telephone Inquiries		67	
Application Correspondence		420	
Identity Theft Cards Issued		53	
Tobacco Enforcement		YTD	YTD
Completed Synar Checks		543	
Completed Non-Synar Checks		499	
Other Attempts/Inspections		153	
Total Attempts/Inspections		1195	
Citations/Warnings Issued (Synar)		58	Buy Rate (Synar) 10.7%
Citations/Warnings Issued (Non-Synar)		44	Buy Rate (Non-Synar) 8.8%
Total Citations/Warnings Issued		102	Combined Buy Rate 9.8%