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Fiscal Year 2020–2021 Accountability Report

SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following online forms:

- Reorganization and Compliance
- Strategic Plan Results
- Strategic Plan Development
- Legal
- Services
- Partnerships
- Report or Review

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency’s budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR (SIGN AND DATE):	Signature on file.
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Alan Wilson, Attorney General

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR (SIGN AND DATE):	
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FY 2020-2021 Agency Accountability Report
Reorganization and Compliance Responses:

These responses were submitted for the FY 2020-2021 Accountability Report by the

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Agency Mission

The mission of the Attorney General's Office is to serve the citizens of the State of South Carolina by providing legal representation of the highest quality to state government entities, by supporting the law enforcement communities and the legal and judicial branches through the legislative process, and by honorably and vigorously carrying out the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Attorney General.

Adopted in: 2014

Agency Vision

The Office envisions itself as the first line of defense against those elements in society that flout its laws, prey on its citizens, and abuse its legal system. The office also has certain statutory responsibilities that will be met efficiently and provide ongoing best practices and technology.

Adopted in: 2016

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change.

Yes

a. The office plans to submit proposed legislative changes to modify the South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act (the Act). Our office believes these changes are necessary to more appropriately reflect current state regulatory and industry practices. We have held discussions with the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions and while representatives of that office recognized they were better suited to administer the Act long-term, they were not able to recommend including the transfer of such responsibility as part of the proposed changes, because there was no assurance funding would be available. We need the assistance of the legislature to consider the proposed changes to the Act, including the potential further modification to provide for moving the responsibility for the administration of the Act to the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions, along with the necessary funding.

Please list significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY 2020-2021.

Month Started	Month Ended	Description of Event	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts
July		Covid-19 Response	All	All operations diminished by office closure due to state direction.
July		Legislative Oversight Review	All	First LOC oversight review created an initial burden to organize response with timeline. Extended review due to COVID has moved oversight into additional year and an unscheduled update due to delay.
July		Court Closure	1.1.1-4.1.4	All legal operations diminished by court closings around the state. All cases have become backlogged.
July		Governor Order of State of Emergency	3.1.3	Price gouging reports soared. The length of the SOE overwhelmed resources that were operating remotely.

Does the agency intend to make any other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in FY 2021-22?

Note: It is not recommended that agencies plan major reorganization projects every year. This section should remain blank unless there is a need for reorganization.

No

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20.

Yes

If not, please explain why.

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Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 20-1-10 through 20-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).

Yes

Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?

Yes

Please list the law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations.

Has the agency promulgated any regulations?

Yes

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-22-120(J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?

Yes

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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SECTION I: Office Organizational Overview and FY21 Accomplishments

The office of the Attorney General was established in 1699, and there have been at least 50 persons to have served in that role prior to AG Wilson. It has evolved dramatically in that time, but the office derives its authority constitutionally as the state's chief prosecutor, statutorily as the chief lawyer for the state, and in common law as the chief protector of the public interest. These responsibilities have defined the reorganization within the office over the past year; the focus of management is on these assigned duties.

As of September 2021, the Attorney General's Office had 276.4 employees (42 Temporary, 274.4 classified state and federal FTEs, 1 unclassified FTE, and 1 agency head). The office is broken into seven divisions: Executive, Solicitor General, Legal Services, Criminal, Crime Victim Services, Victim Advocacy, and Administration.

1. **THE EXECUTIVE DIVISION** acts as the executive decision making and coordination section of the Agency. As a Constitutional Officer, the Attorney General is a coordinator for all legal services in the State. This division also houses the Government Relations, Public Affairs, and Constituent Services sections.

The Public Affairs section keeps the public abreast of what the office is conducting on the Public's behalf. The section also answers media inquiries about specific cases and issues involving the office. In FY21, the public affairs section responded approximately **700 media inquiries** on behalf of the agency.

The Government Relations section works closely with the State Legislature to make sure our elected officials are aware of important issues our office is handling. The section also works with lawmakers on drafting bills, amending statutes, and addressing the Agency's budget needs.

Lastly, the Constituent Services section receives and fields calls from the public relating to various requests for information and assistance concerning the Agency and other areas of State Government. Constituent Services also has a "springing" responsibility during declared States of Emergency to coordinate incoming information on Price Gouging for further analysis and forwarding for potential prosecution.

2. **THE SOLICITOR GENERAL DIVISION** was formally created to coordinate appellate advocacy, assure consistency of legal positions across division lines, evaluate quality of written and oral advocacy of OAG lawyers, and review National Association of Attorneys General and other amicus requests. This is in line with a majority of states and has proven to be an overdue organizational need. The Solicitor General supervises the previously existing Opinions Section, which provides legal advice to the Governor, members of the General Assembly, and certain other public officials. Most often, this advice is given in the form of a written opinion. The Solicitor General Division issued a total of **77 opinions** in FY21.

3. **THE LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION** handles a variety of non-criminal matters on behalf of the state. Among the Division's responsibilities are the licensing and regulation of securities professionals and products; enforcing the state's securities laws; presenting financial outreach programs; regulating the money transmitter and currency exchange industry; enforcing the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement on behalf of the state; representing the state in civil litigation matters; and enforcing the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act. The division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.

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The Securities Section assists in fulfilling the Attorney General's duties as Securities Commissioner of South Carolina. This includes registration of broker-dealers, broker-dealer agents, investment advisers, and investment adviser representatives prior to their doing business in this state; registering certain securities offerings; receiving notice filings for mutual funds, unit investment trusts, and other federal covered securities; investigating allegations of violations of securities laws and taking appropriate action; promoting investor education to help the investing public make informed decisions and avoid being defrauded; and supporting an equitable, competitive, and efficient securities industry that contributes to the economic health of the State and its citizens.

The Securities Section had oversight of 3,854 broker-dealers and investment advisers, 190,487 broker-dealer agents, and 8,778 investment adviser representatives, who, along with issuers of securities, collectively paid **\$31.3 million to the State in registration fees** in FY21. The Securities Section opened and resolved a number of cases involving fraud, dishonest practices, and other violations of the State's Securities Act, which resulted in the collection of over **\$236,000 in fines**. The Securities Section also responded to over 195 complaints from South Carolina citizens and received and responded to referrals from other state agencies. During this past fiscal year, the Securities Section held **35 educational outreach events**, which reached approximately 4,900 retirees, securities professionals, military and law enforcement personnel, and other citizens of the state. **The Money Services Section** is responsible for protecting the interests of South Carolina consumers who use a money service business (MSB) by ensuring that the overall financial condition of the MSB is sound and the MSB is properly monitoring transactions in an effort to deter the occurrence of money laundering, terrorist funding, and/or other financial crimes.

The Tobacco Section works with issues related to the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) entered into among multiple states and major tobacco manufacturers. Pursuant to the MSA, these States settled claims for the future costs of tobacco-related health expenses. For payments provided, each state agreed to "diligently enforce" their respective Tobacco Escrow Fund Act. South Carolina was among the states that settled the manufacturers' multi-year litigation effort that now ensures future payment to the State and saves the expense of the litigation.

The Tobacco Section enforces the requisite statutes to maximize the yearly MSA payment, which was over **\$84.4 million** in 2021. The Tobacco Section maintains the South Carolina Tobacco Directory by certifying and monitoring 24 tobacco product manufacturers, as of June 30, 2021. The Tobacco Section also enforces the non-participating manufacturers' statutory obligation to deposit escrow funds into accounts held for the benefit of South Carolina. As a result of the multi-year settlement agreement, the Tobacco Section is participating in a data clearinghouse to verify South Carolina's compliance with both the settlement agreement and the MSA.

The Civil Litigation Section (Civil) represents State interests in a wide variety of civil legal matters. Matters handled by this section include those related to contested civil matters, constitutional challenges, elections, the environment, foreclosures, extraditions/detainers, employee grievance hearings, sex offender registry issues, state agencies' Form 1 requests to hire outside counsel, the South Carolina Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act (SC811), FOIA requests, opinion letters required in connection with bond issuances by the State, and civil asset forfeitures. Additionally, Civil is frequently called upon to represent members of South Carolina Judicial Department. Civil is uniquely skilled in handling novel issues that arise.

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In FY21, Civil handled over **1,200 state agency Form 1 requests** to hire outside counsel and over **130 FOIA requests**. Additionally, Civil began handling civil asset forfeitures and experienced a steady volume of sex offender registry challenges.

The Consumer Protection and Antitrust Section handles allegations of free market violations and unfair and/or deceptive business practices. These cases can be managed individually, through multistate groups, or through the assistance of outside counsel in federal or state court and on behalf of consumers or state agencies. While the majority of cases handled by this section involve antitrust and unfair trade practices claims, the section also handles charitable trust matters. The Office transferred **\$16.08 million to the State Litigation Recovery Fund** in FY21 from Consumer Protection and Antitrust litigation.

- THE CRIMINAL DIVISION** consists of two subdivisions – Post-Adjudication and Criminal Prosecution, each consisting of separate units. The Post-Adjudication Unit consists of the following sections: Criminal Appeals, Post-Conviction Relief (PCR), Capital, Collateral and Federal Habeas Corpus Litigation, and Sexually Violent Predator Litigation. The Prosecution Unit consists of multiple sections in three separate subdivisions. Two sections handle cases adopted from the Solicitors, by request, as well as specialty areas of prosecutions.

The Criminal Prosecution Subdivision.

The State Grand Jury Prosecution Unit (SGJ) of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office is a subdivision which primarily handles matters before the State Grand Jury. The State Grand Jury has limited jurisdiction by statute to investigate fourteen different types of cases, to include: public corruption, multi-county drug trafficking organizations, criminal gangs, securities fraud, money laundering, and human trafficking.

The SGJ's recent investigations, indictments, and convictions have attacked the opioid crisis and gang problems in the Midlands, methamphetamine, fentanyl, and cocaine trafficking organizations in the upstate, cocaine and methamphetamine conspiracies in the Low County, and drug organizations and the selling of a variety of illegal drugs in the Pee Dee Grand Strand. The section continues to attack the problem of criminal enterprises being run from SCDC by way of contraband cell phones, with the Prison Empire case which is the largest narcotics conspiracy ever indicted in state or federal court in South Carolina. On the public corruption side, the SGJ investigated, indicted, and convicted a sitting sheriff, and investigated and indicted another sheriff, an elected county supervisor, and a sitting county councilwoman for various offenses. The section has been heavily involved with the federal authorities in the investigation into the failure at the VC Summer nuclear plants, leading to, among other things, the conviction of the former SCANA CEO on federal and state charges, and the payment of \$5 million in disgorgement to the SC OEO's fund for low income utility customers. The section also has the State's only capability to run wiretaps, and during the pandemic along with SLED conducted a wiretap that led to the indictment of an alleged large methamphetamine ring, including the alleged sources in Georgia. The section devised a unique way to conduct remote grand jury sessions to allow it to conduct operations and investigations with minimal interruption during the pandemic and shutdown. The section was approached for help in completing the investigation into the crimes allegedly committed during the Lee Correctional prison riot, and the section was able to successfully do so, with the investigation and indictment of over 100 counts.

The SGJ has developed and expanded unique capabilities over the past couple of years resulting in recent investigation, indictment and/or conviction of law enforcement officers, public school officials, and

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other state employees or contractors. The unit is also involved with various federal authorities, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Attorney's Office in matters of joint interest.

The Special Prosecution Subdivision consists of the Special Victims Prosecution Unit, Law Enforcement Integrity Unit, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Unit, Human Trafficking Task Force Unit, Medicaid Provider Fraud Unit, and Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit.

The Special Victims Prosecution Unit handles matters referred to the office including domestic violence, criminal sexual conduct, harassment, stalking, child abuse and neglect and similar cases. In FY21, the unit handled 209 special victim cases.

The Law Enforcement Integrity Unit reviews and prosecutes officer involved shooting and use of force cases, as well as law enforcement involved misconduct along with other criminal cases and in-custody deaths. These matters are referred to the office by various solicitors or law enforcement agencies. In FY21, the unit handled review of 11 officer involved shooting cases and 57 officer involved crimes cases.

The Medicaid Provider Fraud Unit, operating in large part on funds from a federal grant, investigates and prosecutes cases of Medicaid provider fraud in South Carolina. The section also investigates and prosecutes patient abuse in nursing homes and other facilities that receive federal funding. The Division includes the Medicaid Provider Patient Abuse Section, which convicts individuals for defrauding the Medicaid Program and individuals of patient abuse or exploitation. The Medicaid Provider Unit investigated 258 cases of Medicaid fraud and recovered **\$7.3 million for the State Medicaid Program** in FY21.

The Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit (MRFU) of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office (AGO) works with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to enforce the laws against fraudulent use of Medicaid benefits. The unit combats Medicaid recipient fraud by thorough investigation and prosecution, which results in recovery of funds owed to the State, and deterrence.

The Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit investigated over **260** cases of Medicaid Fraud and recovered **\$572,744** in Medicaid benefits lost due to fraud.

Under the **Violence Against Women Act Unit (VAWA)**, the AG's Office received a federal grant to develop strategies and procedures for the prevention and prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment and stalking. The staff is exclusively devoted to combating relationship violence in the State.

In FY21, the VAWA Unit successfully conducted 12 domestic violence/VAWA trainings across the state. The trainings were able to feature nationally renowned experts from around with country with virtual technology. Aside from speaking engagements and trainings, the unit attended 16 Sexual Assault Response meetings ("SART") and 10 Domestic Violence Coordinating Council meetings ("DVCC") to enhance awareness and collaboration to fight sexual assault, domestic violence and other relationship crimes in the State.

The South Carolina Human Trafficking Unit was established by S.C. Code Ann. 16-3-2050(B)(1) and states the Attorney General will chair a task force to address the crime of human trafficking

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in South Carolina. Task force efforts are in collaboration with federal, state, and local agencies. The task force disseminated the South Carolina State Plan to Address Human Trafficking in June of 2014. The law requires the task force coordinate the implementation of the State Plan and submit annual reports, inclusive of findings and recommendations, to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. This year, the State Task Force won a Notable Document Award from the South Carolina State Library for the Annual Report.

The Human Trafficking Task Force successfully launched the Highway Heroes Campaign targeting over 100,00 CDL holders, partnered with Airbnb, launched the LEMS/11th Circuit Regional Task Force, developed a Task Force Advisory Council of subject matter experts, and released the Regional Task Force Subcommittee Protocol. In addition to facilitating the Victim Service Provider – HT Training at the state level, the South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force also provided numerous presentations including to juvenile public defenders, the foster care review board, MUSC pediatric faculty, and Victims' Rights Week. The State Task Force also facilitated law enforcement training in partnership with Thorn and the USC Children's Law Center. The membership listserve grew to over 500 individuals from numerous sectors across the state.

The General Prosecution-White Collar – ICAC Units

The General Prosecution Unit primarily handles cases referred to the office based upon request from Solicitors or the judiciary due to a conflict of interests. They handle a variety of cases from violent crimes murder to election and environmental matters throughout the state.

The Insurance Fraud Division Unit was established in 1994 with the enactment of the Omnibus Insurance Fraud and Reporting Act. Though historically in the Attorney General's office, as of July 1, 2021, initial authority for review of referrals, oversight of investigation, and charging and prosecution activities transferred to the Department of Insurance, with the Attorney General's office retaining oversight. The Insurance Fraud Division unit received and investigated **2,448** Complaints of Insurance Fraud and had **\$370,824** in restitution ordered in FY21.

The White Collar Prosecution Unit was established to prosecute financial, computer, and similar crimes. The Unit reviewed **65** cases during the period resulting in **82** indictments thus far in FYE22.

The Securities Fraud Prosecution Unit was established to prosecute illegal activities by broker dealers, investment advisors, and their agents doing business in the State. Securities Fraud is willfully engaging in deceptive practices intended to manipulate financial markets or induce investors to make financial investment decisions based on deceptive or false information. The Unit reviewed 47 cases during the period resulting in 20 convictions in FY21.

The Internet Crimes Against Children Unit (ICAC) is one of sixty-one task forces spread across the country that work together as a cohesive national group. ICAC serves as the statewide Task Force headquarters for South Carolina coordinating all investigative, prosecutorial, and education efforts in the state to combat the sexual exploitation of children using any means of technology. ICAC blends state and federal resources to form relationships with agencies at the local, state, and federal levels.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force spans across **119** agencies statewide as of FY21. The task force held **157 presentations, which reached 10,854 constituents** across the state to educate children

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parents and community on how to recognize and avoid technology related child solicitation and exploitation. The task force investigated 5,357 cases and responded to 4433 cyber tips of solicitation of minors. Impacted by Covid-19 pandemic, the task force has seen a 23% decrease in cases closed, but has also had a 33% increase in forensic cases examined. In FY21, the task force had a 12% increase in arrests (241 arrests total) and has seen a 72% increase in arrests over the past five years.

The Post-Adjudication Subdivision

Criminal Appeals Unit represents the interests of the State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court, the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court in all appeals from criminal convictions in South Carolina, except appeals arising from murder convictions. A criminal defendant may appeal to the state appellate courts from a criminal conviction or sentence asserting that error was committed during trial, which requires the case be remanded to the trial court or the conviction or sentence be vacated or reversed. Additionally, Criminal Appeals provides advice and training to prosecutors throughout the state. Criminal Appeals received and handled over 132 new criminal appeal cases, provided over 85 Merit briefs, and handled 35 oral arguments.

Post-Conviction Relief Unit (PCR) handles all non-capital post-conviction relief actions and the appeals from those actions, as well as other collateral attacks on criminal convictions in state court. In South Carolina, a post-conviction relief proceeding is a collateral attack on a criminal conviction. This means the action is not necessarily to challenge not the sufficiency of the conviction itself, but the general process surrounding the conviction such as counsel's representation, the actions of the prosecutors, or other aspects of the criminal proceeding. The remedy or relief from a grant of post-conviction relief is typically a new trial, although resentencing or dismissal of charges is possible in rare scenarios. The post-conviction relief process is governed largely by the Uniform Post-Conviction Procedures Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-10 et seq. The convicted person filing the application is referred to as an "applicant." Once the application is completed, must be filed with the Clerk of Court in the county of conviction within one year of sentencing or the conclusion of a direct appeal. The filed application will then be sent to the Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office represents the State and will respond to the claims raised in the application. If the allegations listed in the application require an evidentiary hearing, an attorney will be appointed to represent the applicant. A judge will issue a final order in all cases, regardless of whether or not a hearing is held on the application. Once a final order is issued, the non-prevailing party may file an appeal of the final order. At the close of the fiscal year, the unit had an active caseload of 1,870 pending post-conviction relief actions in the circuit court and 589 pending post-conviction relief appeals in the appellate courts.

The Capital Collateral Litigation Unit was created in 1995 from the Direct Appeal and PCR Unit to coordinate the handling of all murder conviction appeals, all death penalty litigation, and all federal habeas corpus litigation involving any South Carolina state convictions. The unit ensures just and accurate results in criminal litigation in state and federal courts on South Carolina convictions, including death penalty sentences. The unit timely presents the State's position in a cogent, efficient, and persuasive manner and addresses all relevant issues concerning the conviction and sentence. These issues include the correctness of the judicial proceedings, the quality of defense counsel actions, and the actions of the prosecution and their combined effect on the result. The Section addresses the quality of the trial prosecutor's decisions and actions in court and the Office's role as ministers of justice to address the confidence of the judgment.

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The Capital Collateral Litigation Section handled over 535 federal habeas and state appellate court matters in FY 21, and various other matters concerning 31 death row inmates.

The Sexually Violent Predator Unit (SVP) was developed because the existing civil commitment process is inadequate to address the special needs of sexually violent predators and the risks that they present to society. The General Assembly determined that a separate, involuntary civil commitment process for the long term control, care, and treatment of sexually violent predators is necessary. (S.C. Code of Laws §44-48-20) The Attorney General's SVP Unit is charged with providing the timely, efficient, and effective litigation of civil commitment proceedings, as well as committees' mental status annual reviews as required by Title 44, Chapter 48 of the South Carolina Code. In FY20-21, the Unit received 135 new annual review reports and 20 new pre-commitment cases, conducted 4 trials (jury and bench), and handled 14 release proceedings. As of June 30, 2021, there were 200 residents in the SVP treatment facility, all of whom are required to have annual reviews that will be processed by the Unit.

COVID-19 significantly impacted the Sexually Violent Predator Unit's ability to meet both statutory deadlines and internal guidelines. Particularly, COVID-19 related restrictions heavily impacted the Unit's ability to obtain jury verdicts within 90 days of receiving the DMH evaluations, obtain independent evaluations when needed, and timely complete annual review proceedings. Pursuant to a South Carolina Supreme Court order, all jury trials were continued until April 19, 2021. This adversely impacted the Unit's ability to have jury trials and meet the statutory deadlines. Further, defense counsel's timely access to their clients was adversely impacted by State and Local guidelines, as well as the ability of SCDC and local detention centers to transport inmates to mental evaluations. The delays in access to offenders contributed to a back-up of independent evaluations, which directly impacted the Unit's internal guidelines for timely completing annual reviews.

5. **THE STATE DIVISION OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES** is divided into four departments that assist victims of crime in the state through direct victim compensation, federal victim assistance grants to crime victim providers, the crime victim ombudsman office, and the training and statistical analysis of crime victim advocates across the state.

The Department of Crime Victim Compensation (DCVC) is a financial assistance program whose purpose is to help eligible crime victims with expenses directly resulting from a crime that are not covered by other payment sources. DCVC has launched a new statewide law enforcement outreach training to educate law enforcement on victim compensation. The unit has created a new claimant survey to seek feedback regarding claimant services, which has resulted in over 90% satisfaction with the overall treatment from the Crime Victim Compensation Unit. Due to the pandemic, claim processing time increased significantly due to inadequate systems for processing outside of the office. The unit is working to replace the dated claims processing system in FY22 to ensure continuity of processed in and out of the office. The unit continues to strive to return to process claims within 60 days of receipt for FY22.

The Department of Crime Victim Assistance Grants provides Federal and State grant funding support to agencies that provide direct services to crime victims in South Carolina. The Department of Crime Victim Assistance Grants awarded nearly \$32 million in sub-grants to crime victim service providers across the state of South Carolina in FY21. Through this funding, victims received victim advocacy, residential shelters, forensic exams, emergency assistance, and human trafficking victim assistance among

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other services.

The Department of Crime Victim Ombudsman responds to requests from citizens and members of the criminal justice community to solve specific problems involving the rights of victims of crime, and also promotes systemic improvements in agencies which serve and interact with crime victims. The Department of Crime Victim Ombudsman provided assistance in **366 crime victim cases in FY21**.

The Department of Crime Victim Services Training, Provider Certification, and Statistical Analysis oversees training and certification for victim service providers. Additionally, the Department conducts research and analysis of criminal justice data to inform policymakers on issues relevant to victims of crime. The Department of Crime Victim Services Training, Provider Certification, and Statistical Analysis registered **316** new Victim Service Providers in FY21. Victim Services Provider certifications have seen a 50% increase in the last five years.

- THE VICTIM ADVOCACY DIVISION** is statutorily mandated by SC Code 16-3-1505 – 1560 and the South Carolina Victim's Bill of Rights, and is dedicated to keeping crime victims apprised of cases involving the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General. In prosecution cases, victims are provided notifications of bond matters, plea negotiations, accompanied to trial/plea hearings and assisted in filing compensation claims. Victims are provided status updates in all post-conviction matters including appellate cases, PCR filings, federal habeas petitions, and the Sexually Violent Predator commitment process. Appropriate referrals are provided to ensure victims' mental, physical, and financial needs are addressed. The Director serves as a member of the South Carolina Victim Services Coordinating Council to collaborate with other state and nonprofit agencies to analyze and elevate victim services throughout the State.

The Victim Advocacy Division had 3327 open cases ending FY21. Victims were provided notifications via mail, telephone conferences, and in-person meetings. Advocates accompanied victims weekly to court proceedings for pleas, trials, appellate hearings, and post-conviction relief proceedings providing support, intervention and guidance through the criminal justice process.

- THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION** is divided into five departments: Human Resources, Finance, Procurement and Support Services, Records Management, and Information Technology. The Division provides support to agency employees by managing the recruitment of new employees, coordinating employee relations, providing opportunities for employee growth, procuring necessary equipment and services, managing agency budget and cash flow, coordinating travel and trainings, and maintaining vital records systems.

The Administration Division focused on streamlining work and improving agency culture through data collection and outreach. Improving the exit interview process through digitation and improved the response rate to **73%**. The division was able to accomplish approximately **98%** completion rate for employees in the yearly Security Awareness Training and replaced 1/3 of the outdated computer equipment to increase efficiency.

In 2021, the division will roll-out the agency's first leadership certification program. Additionally, the division has begun work to replace critical outdated software systems and replacing another batch of outdated computer equipment to increase functionality and efficiency. The division will continue to strive to improve personnel retention and morale by providing additional training to personnel at all levels and through improved administrative processes.

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SECTION II: Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies

The Agency has established 6 division level goals that directly contribute to the agency's ability to carry out its mission and serve the citizens of South Carolina. Should the divisions not obtain the established goals a direct negative impact will be felt by the agency and the citizens of South Carolina.

The biggest direct impact to the agency in not achieving their established goals would be an increase in crime throughout the state, a backlog of critical and highly complex criminal and civil cases, and a decrease in statewide trainings, outreach, and support to include funding to critical prevention areas, such as Human Trafficking, Violence Against Women, Internet Crimes Against Children, and Crime Victim Assistance.

The Agency is also in direct partnership with local county and state government offices for prosecutorial and investigative assistance. These agencies would feel a direct negative impact and reduction in productivity due to the agency's inability to meet established goals.

SECTION III: Factors Affecting Performance and Restructuring Recommendations

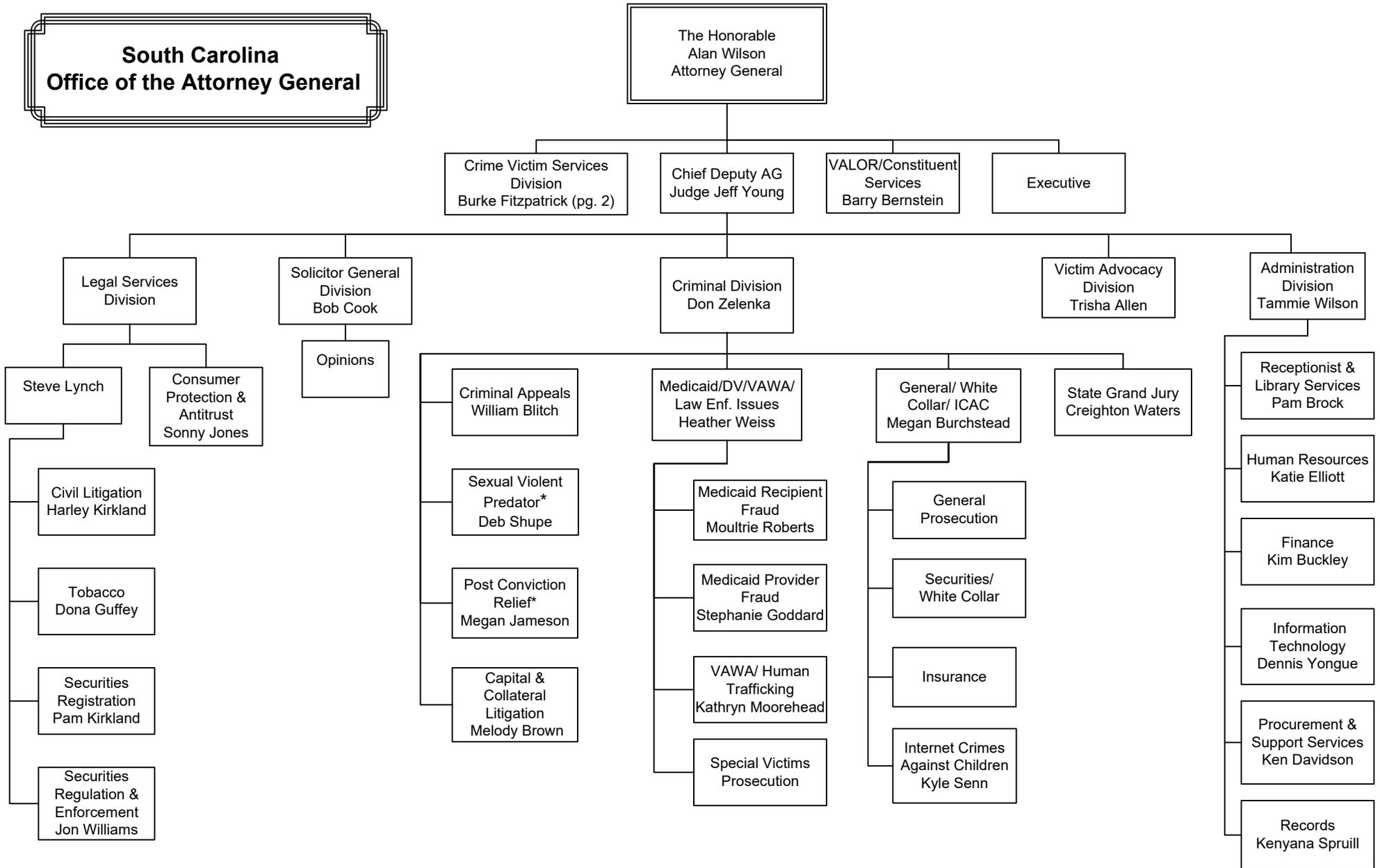
a) Factors Affecting Performance:

a. **The COVID19 pandemic** continued to greatly affect our agency's performance and ability to fully carry-out planned metrics in FY21. The pandemic has affected the criminal prosecution and civil litigation division's ability to move cases within the court system. Both divisions have faced struggles meeting statutory deadlines, obtaining expert witness testimony, obtaining jury verdicts and receiving discovery documents due to mandated court case continuations and reductions in legal operations across the board. The agency had a reduction in trainings and educational seminars in all areas due to social distancing requirements and restricted timeframe to obtain teleconferencing software and modify training methods. The agency has purchased necessary equipment and services to ensure continuity to ensure agency operations continue in and out of the office.

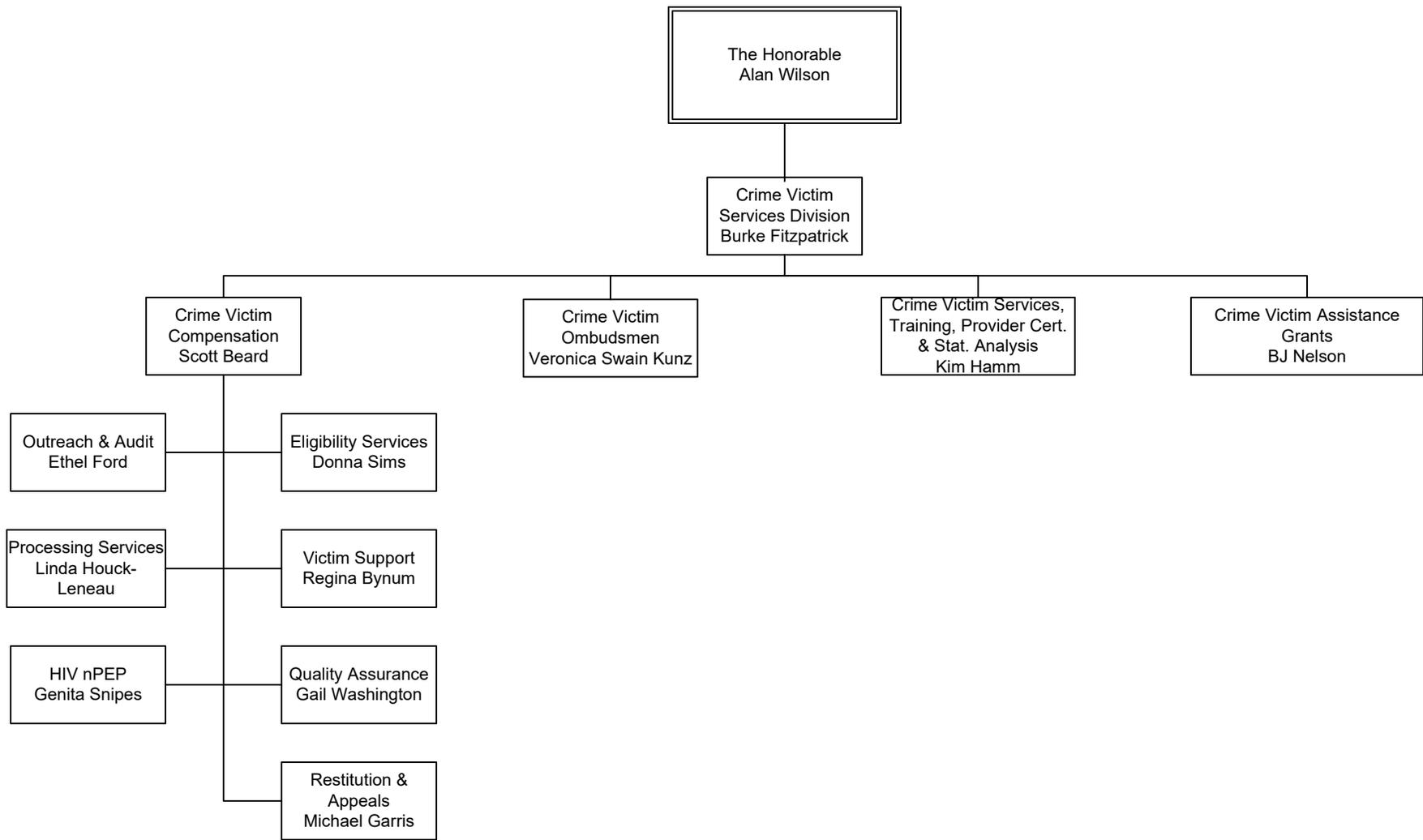
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Goal Help Fight Crime and Bring Criminals to Justice by Prosecuting Matters in the State and Federal Justice System

Strategy 1.1

Statewide Enterprise Objective

Investigate and Prosecute Insurance Fraud

Government and Citizens

Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Primary Stakeholder	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1.1	Review Referrals of Possible Insurance Fraud and Initiate Investigation within 60 Days of receipt of Insurance Company Referral	100%	90%	100%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	# of insurance company referrals reviewed within 60 days / total # of insurance company referrals	Internal Reports	Case Management System	Citizens of the State of South Carolina	The public interest	0103.000000.000	
1.1.2	Schedule and Dispose of Cases Indicted for Insurance Fraud within 1 Year of Indictment	72%	90%	30%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	# of indicted cases disposed of in FY/ number of cases indicted in prior FY	Internal reports	Case Management System	Citizens of the State of South Carolina	The public interest	0103.000000.000	Court shutdowns due to COVID impacted this statistic this year
1.1.3	Conduct 2 Trainings on Insurance Fraud to Local Law Enforcement and Community to Raise Awareness and Enhance Fraud Detection	4	2	0	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	Case Management System	Citizens of the State of South Carolina	The public interest	0103.000000.000	Limitations on gathering due to COVID impacted this statistic this year

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Goal Help Fight Crime and Bring Criminals to Justice by Prosecuting Matters in the State and Federal Justice System														
Strategy 1.3										Statewide Enterprise Objective				
Investigate and Prosecute Medicaid Recipient and Provider Fraud, Medicaid Program Fraud, and Patient Care Abuse in Non-Medicaid Board and Care Facilities										Government and Citizens				
Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Primary Stakeholder	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.3.1	Open at least as many Investigations, including Patient Abuse Investigations, as Case Closures	85	85	156	Count (whole number)	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	Internal File	SCDHHS, constituents	Patient and Medicaid program protection.	0103.000000.000	
1.3.2	Attend at least 2 Annual Medicaid Provider Fraud Control Trainings to Enhance Unit Knowledge and Investigative Skills	25	2	8	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	Internal File	SCDHHS, constituents	SCDHHS and constituents	0103.000000.000	
1.3.3	Recover through the Medicaid Provider Fraud Unit at least the Five Year Average of Fraudulently Paid Funds	43529242.04	10882310.51	8113538.53	Count (whole number)	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	Internal File	SCDHHS, constituents	Recovery of fraudulently obtained funds. Patient protection. Deterrence.	0103.000000.000	
1.3.4	Close 94% of the Number of New Case Referrals from DHHS Received by Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit	94%	94%	99%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of cases closed after investigation / number for referrals received from DHHS	Internal Reports	AGO Recipient Fraud Unit Records	S.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the State's taxpayers	Cases are disposed of with proper dispositions, which reduces number of pending cases and increases efficiency, recovery of benefits lost to fraud, deterrence of Medicaid recipient fraud, and criminal prosecution	0103.000000.000	
1.3.5	Recover Through the Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit at least the Five Year Average of Fraudulently Paid Funds	393758	393758	572744	Ratio	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	AGO Recipient Fraud Unit Records	S.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the State's taxpayers	Funds lost due to fraud are returned to the State, Medicaid fraud is deterred	0103.000000.000	
1.3.6	Attend at least 10 Medicaid Recipient Fraud Training Events to Enhance Unit Knowledge	10	10	22	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	AGO Recipient Fraud Unit Records	S.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the State's taxpayers	Improved experience and competency from training improves efficiently and effective investigation and dispositions wherein lost benefits are returned to the State, Medicaid fraud is deterred, and recipients committing fraud held accountable by criminal prosecution.	0103.000000.000	

Goal Protect the people of the State and Uphold the Constitution Through Litigating and Defending Cases in which the State has an Interest														
Strategy 3.1										Statewide Enterprise Objective				
Represent the State in cases of Tobacco Enforcement, Consumer Protection and Antitrust, and General Litigation										Government and Citizens				
Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Primary Stakeholder	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	State Funded Budget Program Number Responsible	Notes
3.1.1	Meet 96% Tobacco Non-Participating Manufacturer Deposits required by Master Settlement Agreement	96%	96%	96%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total Escrow Deposits/(Total Cigarettes Sold x Yearly Escrow Rate)	Dept. of Revenue Non-Participating Manufacturers' Report; Escrow Agents' (Banks) Proofs of Deposits; Non-Participating Manufacturers' Quarterly Certifications	Document Management System	State of South Carolina	To ensure the Master Settlement Agreement payment to the State	0103.000000.000	
3.1.2	Timely manage Consumer Protection and Antitrust Case Reviews and Conclusions	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Review of cases to determine timeliness	Internal Reports	Document Management System	State of South Carolina	To ensure that state antitrust and consumer protection laws are enforced	0103.000000.000	
3.1.3	Handle FOIA Requests and Litigation within any Time Periods Required by Applicable Statutes or Rules	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of deadlines met / Total number of deadlines	Internal Reports	Outlook and Document Management System	The State, state employees, agencies, departments, judges, court officials, and FOIA requestors	Represented parties are provided with timely legal representation and FOIA requestors are provided with timely responses	0103.000000.000	
3.1.4	Review and Respond within 60 days to Form 1 Submissions	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of Form 1 submissions responded to in 60 days / Total number of Form 1 submissions	Internal Reports	Document Management System	State agencies	Agencies are provided timely responses regarding their requests to hire outside counsel	0103.000000.000	

Goal	Support a Fair, Competitive, and Efficient Securities Environment for Dealers and Investors												
Strategy	4.1										Statewide Enterprise Objective		
	Monitor registration and compliance of broker-dealers, investment advisers and securities offerings in South Carolina										Government and Citizens		

Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Primary Stakeholder	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	State Funded Budget Program Number Responsible	Notes
4.1.1	Initiate Audits and Investigations of Securities Complaints Received within 30 Days of Receipt	100%	95%	100%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of audits and investigations initiated within 30 days of receipt of a complaints, tips, or referrals / Number of complaints, tips, or referrals	Internal Reports	Document Management System and Outlook	Citizens of South Carolina, businesses operating in the State, and capital markets	The need to have confidence that the capital markets are being monitored for compliance with securities laws.	0103.000000.000	
4.1.2	Timely Review of Securities Registration Filings within 30 Days of Receipt	100%	95%	100%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of securities registration filings reviewed within 30 days of receipt of registration filings/Number of securities registration filings	Internal Reports	Document Management System, Outlook, and FileMaker Pro	Citizens of South Carolina, businesses operating in the State, and capital markets	The need to have confidence that the capital markets are being monitored for compliance with securities laws.	0103.000000.000	
4.1.3	Hold 48 Securities Outreach Trainings and Meetings to Educate and Protect Investors	48	50	35	Count (whole number)	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	Document Management System and Outlook	Investing public and law enforcement	The need to reduce the opportunities for securities fraud through education.	0103.000000.000	
4.1.4	Hold Training for State-Registered Investment Advisers to Improve Understanding of the State's Securities Laws and Regulations	3	1	0	Count (whole number)	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	Document Management System and Outlook	State registered investment advisers and investment adviser representatives	The need to stay current with state securities laws and regulations.	0103.000000.000	

Goal Help Fight Crime and Bring Criminals to Justice by Prosecuting Matters in the State and Federal Justice System														
Strategy 1.2 Investigate and Prosecute Medicaid Recipient and Provider Fraud, Medicaid Program Fraud, and Patient Care Abuse in Non-Medicaid Board and Care Facilities										Statewide Enterprise Objective Government and Citizens				
Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Primary Stakeholder	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.2.1	Open at least as many Provider Fraud Investigations, including Patient Abuse Investigations, as Case Closures	100%	100%		Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count of Cases Open vs. Closed	Internal Reports	Internal File	SCDHHS, constituents	Patient and Medicaid program protection.	0103.000000.000	0
1.2.2	Majority of staff attend at least one NAMFCU Medicaid Provider Fraud Control Trainings to Enhance Unit Knowledge and Investigative Skills	50%	50%		Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Percent	Internal Reports	Internal File	SCDHHS, constituents	SCDHHS and constituents	0103.000000.000	
1.2.3	Recover through the Medicaid Provider Fraud Unit at least the Four Year Average of Fraudulently Paid Funds	100%	100%		Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Percent	Internal Reports	Internal File	SCDHHS, constituents	Recovery of fraudulently obtained funds. Patient protection. Deterrence.	0103.000000.000	0
1.2.4	Close 94% of the Number of New Case Referrals from DHHS Received by Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit	94%	94%		Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of cases closed after investigation / number for referrals received from DHHS	Internal Reports	AGO Recipient Fraud Unit Records	S.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the State's taxpayers	Cases are disposed of with proper dispositions, which reduces number of pending cases and increases efficiency, recovery of benefits lost to fraud, deterrence of Medicaid recipient fraud, and criminal prosecution	0103.000000.000	
1.2.5	Recover Through the Medicaid Recipient Fraud Unit at least the Five Year Average of Fraudulently Paid Funds	100%	100%		Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Percent	Internal Reports	AGO Recipient Fraud Unit Records	S.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the State's taxpayers	Funds lost due to fraud are returned to the State, Medicaid fraud is deterred	0103.000000.000	0
1.2.6	Attend at least 10 Medicaid Recipient Fraud Training Events to Enhance Unit Knowledge	10	10		Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	AGO Recipient Fraud Unit Records	S.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the State's taxpayers	Improved experience and competency from training improves efficiently and effective investigation and dispositions wherein lost benefits are returned to the State, Medicaid fraud is deterred, and recipients committing fraud held accountable by criminal prosecution.	0103.000000.000	

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3.1.2	Timely Manage Antitrust and Consumer Protection Case Reviews and Conclusions	100%	100%		Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Review of cases to determine timeliness	Internal Reports	Document Management System (Worldox)	State of South Carolina	To ensure that state antitrust and consumer protection laws are enforced	0103.000000.000	
3.1.3	Handle FOIA Requests and Litigation within any Time Periods Required by Applicable Statutes or Rules	100%	100%		Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of deadlines met / Total number of deadlines	Internal Reports	Outlook and Document Management System	The State, state employees, agencies, departments, judges, court officials, and FOIA requestors	Represented parties are provided with timely legal representation and FOIA requestors are provided timely responses	0103.000000.000	
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Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Primary Stakeholder	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	State Funded Budget Program Number Responsible	Notes
4.1.1	Initiate Audits and Investigations of Securities Complaints Received within 30 Days of Receipt	100%	95%		Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of audits and investigations initiated within 30 days of receipt of a complaints, tips, or referrals / Number of complaints, tips, or referrals	Internal Reports	Document Management System and Outlook	Citizens of South Carolina, businesses operating in the State, and capital markets	The need to have confidence that the capital markets are being monitored for compliance with securities laws.	0103.000000.000	
4.1.2	Timely Review of Securities Registration Filings within 30 Days of Receipt	100%	95%		Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of securities registration filings reviewed within 30 days of receipt of registration filings/Number of securities registration filings	Internal Reports	Document Management System, Outlook, and FileMaker Pro	Citizens of South Carolina, businesses operating in the State, and capital markets	The need to have confidence that the capital markets are being monitored for compliance with securities laws.	0103.000000.000	
4.1.3	Hold Securities Outreach Trainings and Meetings to Educate and Protect Investors	35	35		Count (whole number)	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	Document Management System and Outlook	Investing public and law enforcement	The need to reduce the opportunities for securities fraud through education.	0103.000000.000	
4.1.4	Hold Trainings for State-Registered Investment Advisers to Improve Understanding of the State's Securities Laws and Regulations	3	2		Count (whole number)	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Count	Internal Reports	Document Management System and Outlook	State registered investment advisers and investment adviser representatives	The need to stay current with state securities laws and regulations.	0103.000000.000	

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Budget Responses:**

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			FY 2020-21 Expenditures (Actual)				FY 2021-22 Expenditures (Projected)			
State Funded Program Number	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	General	Other	Federal	TOTAL	General	Other	Federal	TOTAL
0103.000000.000	State Litigation	State Litigation Operations	\$11,032,968.00	\$80,080,120.00	\$1,417,006.00	\$92,530,094.00	\$13,538,068.00	\$14,745,411.00	\$1,835,040.00	\$30,118,519.00
2005.050000X000	Victims Rights	Crime Victim Services Claims Payments	\$112,435.00			\$112,435.00	\$120,000.00			\$120,000.00
2006.010000.000	Crime Victims Services	Crime Victim Services Claims Payments, Grants Management, Training, Certification and Ombudsman Operations	\$138,786.00	\$5,027,824.00	\$37,962,915.00	\$43,129,525.00	\$3,349,000.00	\$10,657,415.00	\$57,809,771.00	\$71,816,186.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	State Employer Benefits Operations	\$3,431,479.00	\$2,026,437.00	\$616,437.00	\$6,074,353.00	\$3,302,773.00	\$1,362,085.00	\$358,843.00	\$5,023,701.00
9801.020000X000	Savannah River Maritime Comm Litigation	Savannah River Litigation	\$126,880.00			\$126,880.00				

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Legal Responses:

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Description	Purpose	Law Number	Jurisdiction	Type	Notes
Obligation to defend officers and employees of the State and its subdivisions	Requires a service	§ 1-7-50	State	Statute	Legal Services
Protection of Public Charities	Requires a service	§ 1-7-130	State	Statute	Legal Services
Authority to prosecute counter-claims and cross actions	Requires a service	§ 1-7-55	State	Statute	Legal Services
Reimbursement of costs in representing State in criminal proceedings and State and its officers and agencies in civil and administrative proceedings.	Requires a service	§ 1-7-85	State	Statute	Legal Services
South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act	Requires a service	§ 33-31-101	State	Statute	Legal Services
Trust, Monopolies and Restraints of Trade	Requires a service	§ 39-3-10	State	Statute	Legal Services
Unfair Trade Practices	Requires a service	§ 39-5-10	State	Statute	Legal Services
Provides that the Attorney General or Assistant Attorneys General "shall appear for the State in the Supreme Court and the court of appeals in the trial and argument of all causes, criminal and civil, in which the State is a party or interested, and in these causes in any other court of tribunal when required by the Governor or either branch of the General Assembly."	Requires a service	§1-7-40	State	Statute	Legal Services
Conditions attached to appropriation for Attorney General for expenses of litigation.	Requires a service	§1-7-80	State	Statute	Legal Services
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-105	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-110	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-200	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-205	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-210	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-215	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-220	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-225	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-230	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-300	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-305	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-310	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-315	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-400	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-405	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-500	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-505	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-510	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-515	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-520	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-525	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight

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SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-530	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-600	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-605	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-700	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-705	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-710	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-715	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-720	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-725	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-730	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-735	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-740	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-800	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-805	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-810	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-815	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	§35-11-900	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
Identification and removal of unpermitted structures (river shacks)	Requires a service	§49-30-70	State	Statute	Legal Services
Mandates that a State must operate a Medicaid fraud and abuse control unit that effectively carries out the functions and requirements described in 42 CFR Part 1007.	Requires a service	42 U.S.C. 1396a) (a) (61)	Federal	Statute	Legal Services
Approve the form and execution of the bonds.	Requires a service	8-3-130;8-3-140	State	Statute	Legal Services
Allow the Investment Commission to engage attorneys on a fee basis in consultation with the Attorney General	Requires a service	9-16-315	State	Statute	Legal Services
Tobacco Enforcement Regulations	Requires a service	R. 13-1101 through R. 13-1111	State	Regulation	Legal Services
Money Services	Requires a service	R. 13-2101	State	Regulation	Registration/Oversight
Money Services	Requires a service	R. 13-2201	State	Regulation	Registration/Oversight
Money Services	Requires a service	R. 13-2202	State	Regulation	Registration/Oversight
Money Services	Requires a service	R. 13-2301	State	Regulation	Registration/Oversight
Money Services	Requires a service	R. 13-2501	State	Regulation	Registration/Oversight
Money Services	Requires a service	R. 13-2701	State	Regulation	Registration/Oversight
Money Services	Requires a service	R. 13-2801	State	Regulation	Registration/Oversight
Review industrial revenue bond, pollution control bond and hospital revenue bond proposals	Requires a service	R. 19-102.03	State	Regulation	Legal Services
Review local housing authority bond proposals	Requires a service	R. 19-104.02	State	Regulation	Legal Services
Serve as committee attorney for employee grievance hearings	Requires a service	R. 19-718.07	State	Regulation	Legal Services
Securities Regulations	Requires a service	R.13-201 through R. 13-205	State	Regulation	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration

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Securities Regulations	Requires a service	R.13-301 through R. 13-308	State	Regulation	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Securities Regulations	Requires a service	R.13-401 through R. 13-408	State	Regulation	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Securities Regulations	Requires a service	R.13-501 through R. 13-503	State	Regulation	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Securities Regulations	Requires a service	R.13-601 through R. 13-603	State	Regulation	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
The P.R.O.T.E.C.T. Act of 2008 mandates that each state must have at least one ICAC Task Force working within its boundaries.	Requires a service	S. 1738 (110th)	Federal	Statute	Legal Services/Investigative/Forensics
Allegations concerning anticompetitive practices in procurement that are reported to the Attorney General	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-35-2420	State	Statute	Legal Services
Obligation to defend officers and employees of the State and its subdivisions	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-50	State	Statute	Legal Services
Uniform Securities Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 35-1-401 through S.C. Code § 35-1-412	State	Statute	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Must approve deeds conveying rights of way or easements over marshlands or vacant lands owned by the State	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-11-100	State	Statute	Legal Services
South Carolina Tobacco Escrow Fund Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 11-47-10 through S.C. Code § 11-47-40	State	Statute	Legal Services
South Carolina Tobacco Escrow Fund Enforcement Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 11-48-10 through S.C. Code § 11-48-110	State	Statute	Legal Services
Must approve all contracts for the services of attorneys unless there is other specific statutory authority	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-35-1260	State	Statute	Legal Services
Constitutional challenges must be served on the Attorney General	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 15-35-80	State	Statute	Legal Services
Advice to solicitors; attendance at grand jury and trials.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-100	State	Statute	Legal Services
Appoints the Attorney General as Securities Commissioner and charges him with the administration of the South Carolina Uniform Securities Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-115	State	Statute	Legal Services
Protection of Public Charities	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-130	State	Statute	Legal Services
Authority to hire, approve, and supervise attorneys hired and requires all attorneys hired by the state to be approved and to be under the supervisions of the Attorney General	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-160	State	Statute	Legal Services
Must approve attorneys engaged on a fee basis	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-170	State	Statute	Legal Services

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Designates the Attorney General Office to respond to post-conviction relief applications.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 17-27-160	State	Statute	Legal Services
Authority to prosecute counter-claims and cross actions	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-55	State	Statute	Legal Services
Reimbursement of costs in representing State in criminal proceedings and State and its officers and agencies in civil and administrative proceedings.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-85	State	Statute	Legal Services
Advice to General Assembly and Governor	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-90	State	Statute	Legal Services
Attorney General's role in extraditions and detainers	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 17-9-50 & 17-11-80	State	Statute	Legal Services
South Carolina Freedom of Information Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 30-4-10 through S.C. Code § 30-4-165	State	Statute	Legal Services
South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 33-31-101	State	Statute	Legal Services
Uniform Securities Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 35-1-101 through S.C. Code § 35-1-105	State	Statute	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Uniform Securities Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 35-1-201 through S.C. Code § 35-1-204	State	Statute	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Uniform Securities Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 35-1-301 through S.C. Code § 35-1-307	State	Statute	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Uniform Securities Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 35-1-501 through S.C. Code 35-1-510	State	Statute	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Uniform Securities Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 35-1-601 through S.C. Code § 35-1-612	State	Statute	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Uniform Securities Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 35-1-701 through S.C. Code § 35-1-702	State	Statute	Legal Services/Securities Oversight/Registration
Trust, Monopolies and Restraints of Trade	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 39-3-10	State	Statute	Legal Services
Unfair Trade Practices	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 39-5-10	State	Statute	Legal Services
Enforce marketing orders at the request of the Agriculture Commission and Commodity Board	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 4-17-420	State	Statute	Legal Services
Allows Attorney General to petition for the forfeiture of property	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 44-53-530	State	Statute	Legal Services
Enforce issues related to seeds in conjunction with the Secretary of Agriculture	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 46-21-455	State	Statute	Legal Services

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Provide Support to the Savannah River Maritime Commission	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 54-6-10	State	Statute	Legal Services
Pursue violators of the South Carolina Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 58-36-120	State	Statute	Legal Services
Serve as committee attorney for employee grievance hearings	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 8-17-340	State	Statute	Legal Services
Conditions attached to appropriation for Attorney General for expenses of litigation.	Requires a service	S.C. Code §1-7-80	State	Statute	Legal Services
SC Anti-Money Laundering Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code §35-11-100 through 35-11-101	State	Statute	Registration/Oversight
The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	Requires a service	S.C. Code 16-3-2020(L)	State	Statute	Legal Services/Outreach
The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	Requires a service	S.C. Code 16-3-2050	State	Statute	Legal Services/Outreach
Designates the Attorney General's Office as the responding government agency in post-conviction relief actions.	Requires a service	S.C. Code Ann § 17-27-40	State	Statute	Legal Services
Sexual Violent Predator Act	Requires a service	S.C. Code Ann. § 44-48-10 through -170	State	Statute	Legal Services
The Attorney General's office responds in federal habeas litigation when South Carolina convictions are challenged under 28 USC Section 2254 as Respondent's counsel for the custodian Warden pursuant to representation of state agency, South Carolina Department of Corrections.	Requires a service	S.C. Code Ann. §1-4-40, 1-4-50, 1-7-80 (1)	State	Statute	Legal Services
Provides that the Attorney General or Assistant Attorneys General "shall appear for the State in the Supreme Court and the court of appeals in the trial and argument of all causes, criminal and civil, in which the State is a party or interested, and in these causes in any other court of tribunal when required by the Governor or either branch of the General Assembly."	Requires a service	S.C. Code Ann. section 1-7-40	State	Statute	Legal Services
Faithful execution of laws	Requires a service	S.C. Constitution, Article IV § 15:	State	Statute	Legal Services
Advice to State officers and Public Service Commission	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 1-7-110	State	Statute	Legal Services
Provide notice to the Insurance Reserve Fund of verified tort claims received by the Attorney General's Office.	Requires a service	Section 15-78-10 et seq.	State	Statute	Legal Services
Institute proceedings against persons who have violated the provisions of the Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act	Requires a service	Section 46-17-420	State	Statute	Legal Services
Provide our authority as prosecutors for the State of South Carolina and legal advisor to the State Grand Jury.	Requires a service	State Constitution (Art V, § 24)	State	Statute	Legal Services

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Serve as South Carolina's Chief Prosecutor, Chief Legal Officer and Chief Securities Officer.	Citizens of South Carolina	Citizens of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Criminal Division	The Attorney General is the State's Chief Prosecutor. The office directs supervises and prosecutes criminal cases on behalf of the State and conducts all direct and post conviction appeals on behalf of the State.	Lack of administration of the law and safety and justice for victims
Protect the citizens of South Carolina by fair administration of the law; victims, who demand justice for the crimes committed against them.	Citizens of South Carolina	Citizens of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Criminal Division	The Attorney General is the State's Chief Prosecutor. The office directs supervises and prosecutes criminal cases on behalf of the State and conducts all direct and post conviction appeals on behalf of the State.	Lack of administration of the law and safety and justice for victims
Serve as Chief Legal Officer and issue legal opinions.	Citizens of South Carolina	Citizens of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Solicitor General Division (Opinions)	The Solicitor General Division provides statutorily required formal legal advice to the Governor, General Assembly, and State Officers. As a policy, local government officers are also provided advice on issues of statewide applicability.	No legal opinions issued in the State of SC
Serve as Chief Legal Officer and issue legal opinions.	Citizens of South Carolina	Citizens of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Solicitor General Division (Opinions)	The Solicitor General Division provides statutorily required formal legal advice to the Governor, General Assembly, and State Officers. As a policy, local government officers are also provided advice on issues of statewide applicability.	No legal opinions issued in the State of SC
The Grants section awards grant funds to Agencies which assist those affected by crime in the state.	Local non-profit entities	Local non-profit entities	State of South Carolina	State Crime Victim Services	The Department of Crime Victim Services is divided into four sections; Victim Assistance Grants, Victim Compensation, Victims Ombudsman's Office and Office of Certification, Training and Statistical Analysis.	Significant reduction in critical funding and services for victim in the State of SC.
The Compensation section provides funding to victims directly which have been affected by crime in the State.	Citizens of South Carolina	Citizens of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State Crime Victim Services	The Department of Crime Victim Services is divided into four sections; Victim Assistance Grants, Victim Compensation, Victims Ombudsman's Office and Office of Certification, Training and Statistical Analysis.	Significant reduction in critical funding and services for victim in the State of SC.
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The Ombudsman's Office provides guidance, investigation of violation of victim rights, service provider certification and liaison support between the criminal justice system and victims.	Citizens of South Carolina	Citizens of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State Crime Victim Services	The Department of Crime Victim Services is divided into four sections; Victim Assistance Grants, Victim Compensation, Victims Ombudsman's Office and Office of Certification, Training and Statistical Analysis.	Victim needs and service provider accountability underserved.

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General Civil Litigation - Represent the State, state employees, agencies, departments, judges, and other court officials in general civil litigation including, but not limited to, contested civil matters, state habeas actions, writs of mandamus, declaratory judgments, subpoena defense, election law cases, and condemnations, among others (This also includes files opened for violations of the South Carolina Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act)	The State, state employees, agencies, departments, judges, and court officials	The State, state employees, agencies, departments, judges, and court officials	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	State entities may not have legal representation.
Monitoring Cases - Monitor cases being handled by the Insurance Reserve Fund and cases in which the State, including agencies and other state officials, may have an interest	The State, state employees, agencies, departments, judges, and court officials	The State, state employees, agencies, departments, judges, and court officials	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Failure to monitor and ensure that deadlines are met could result in adverse consequences.
Sex Offender Registry Cases - Uphold statutory requirements for sex offender registration	The State, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and the public	The State, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and the public	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Sex offenders could be removed from the South Carolina Sex Offender Registry improperly.
Mortgage Foreclosure Cases - File responsive pleadings to preserve State's interest in mortgage foreclosures	The State of South Carolina	The State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	The State could fail to collect a lien.
Committee Attorney for the State Employee Grievance Committee - Preside as committee attorney at State Employee Grievance Hearings	South Carolina Employee Grievance Committee	South Carolina Employee Grievance Committee	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	The State Employee Grievance Committee would not have a committee attorney to rule on legal matters or provide legal advice.
Extraditions - Conduct extradition hearings and write recommendation letters to the Governor	The Governor of the State of South Carolina	The Governor of the State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Individuals subject to extradition would not have an opportunity to explain why they oppose their extradition and the Governor would not receive a recommendation regarding whether the legal requirements for extradition have been satisfied.
Form 1s - Review and take action on agency Form 1 requests to engage outside counsel	Departments and State Agencies	Departments and State Agencies	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	State agencies would not be able to hire outside counsel.

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Retirement System Investment Commission Attorney Fees - Retirement System Investment Commission to consult with the Attorney General's Office regarding engagements to hire attorneys on a fee basis and shall provide the Attorney General's Office with notifications and reports, which he shall monitor	South Carolina Retirement System Ent Investment Commission	South Carolina Retirement System Ent Investment Commission	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission would not have the benefit of any input from the Attorney General's Office.
Bond Opinion Letters - Issue opinion letters in connection with certain bond issuances (relative to litigation and whether the bonds comply with the applicable statutes)	State Fiscal Accountability Authority	State Fiscal Accountability Authority	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	The State Fiscal Accountability Authority would not have an analysis of the legal adequacy of certain documents in connection to certain bond issuances, which could prevent the bonds from being issued.
Fiduciary Bond - Review employee and agency fiduciary bonds for form and execution	Secretary of State	Secretary of State	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Bonds would not be approved for form and execution.
Securities Hearing Officer - Serve as Securities Hearing Officer in securities enforcement actions when appointed by the Securities Commissioner	The State of South Carolina (the public)	The State of South Carolina (the public)	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	The Attorney General's Office would have to hire outside counsel to conduct securities hearings.
River Shacks - Maintain an action to enjoin the use of the unpermitted structure and seek an order from the court that the unpermitted structure be removed	State of South Carolina (Department of Natural Resources)	State of South Carolina (Department of Natural Resources)	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Unpermitted structures may not be removed.
Marketing Orders - Enforce marketing orders at the request of the Agriculture Commission and Commodity Board	Agriculture Commission and Commodity Board	Agriculture Commission and Commodity Board	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Marketing orders may not be enforced.
Foreclosure Notifications - Notify agencies of foreclosures received by the office in which they may have an interest	State Agencies	State Agencies	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Agencies may not know of a foreclosure action in which they may be able to apply for surplus funds to satisfy a lien.
Bankruptcy Notifications - Notify Materials Management Office of bankruptcies received in which the State and state agencies may have an interest	State Agencies	State Agencies	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Agencies may not know of a bankruptcy proceeding in which they may be a creditor.
Agency Notifications - Notify agencies of receipt of lawsuits by Attorney General's Office in which the agency is a party	State Agencies	State Agencies	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Agencies may not know of lawsuits against them.

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Verified Tort Claims Notifications - Notify the Insurance Reserve Fund when the Attorney General's Office receives verified tort claims	Insurance Reserve Fund and State Agencies	Insurance Reserve Fund and State Agencies	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	The Insurance Reserve Fund may not learn of potential claims.
Savannah River Maritime Commission - Provide services for the Savannah River Maritime Commission as required by statute	Savannah River Maritime Commission	Savannah River Maritime Commission	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	The Savannah River Maritime Commission may not receive services.
South Carolina Conservation Bank Board - Provide services to the South Carolina Conservation Bank Board	South Carolina Conservation Bank Board	South Carolina Conservation Bank Board	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	The South Carolina Conservation Bank Board may not receive services.
Respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests within the statutory time frame and by reviewing requests, gathering responsive documents, applying exemptions and/or redactions, and generating correspondence accordingly.	Individuals who submit FOIA requests	Individuals who submit FOIA requests	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	FOIA responses would not be provided.
Petition for the confirmation of civil asset forfeitures	The State of South Carolina	The State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - General Civil Litigation Section	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Petitions would not be filed to confirm the forfeiture of seized assets.
Monitor and review Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payment issues with the Independent Auditor, Price Waterhouse Cooper; the National Association of Attorneys General Center for Tobacco and Public Health; Office of SC Treasurer; Office of SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
Monitor and enforce compliance/use of Qualified Escrow Fund Accounts held for the benefit of SC: reviewing accounts for maintenance of required principal and effects of investments on principal; and monitoring escrow agent compliance with the terms of the Escrow Agreement.	Non-Participating Tobacco Product Manufacturers, Active and Inactive	Non-Participating Tobacco Product Manufacturers, Active and Inactive	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
Create, review, approve, deny or otherwise regulate required certification applications to the Attorney General by tobacco product manufacturers, participating and non-participating, who want to sell cigarettes in SC	Tobacco Product Manufacturers	Tobacco Product Manufacturers	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.

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Develop and maintain a directory of approved Tobacco Product Manufacturers published on the Attorney General website on the 1st and 15th of each month	Retailers, Distributors, Tobacco Product Manufacturers, SC Citizens	Retailers, Distributors, Tobacco Product Manufacturers, SC Citizens	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
Monitor and enforce compliance with Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act (PACT) Reports submitted by distributors shipping cigarettes into SC	Distributors; Tobacco Product Manufacturers	Distributors; Tobacco Product Manufacturers	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
Monitor and enforce, with at least a 96% compliance rate, quarterly NPM escrow deposits based on state excise tax (SET) paid sales data as reported to the Department of Revenue. Review of the quarterly NPM Report showing sales for each NPM that is compiled by DOR and make demand for escrow deposits along with NPM Quarterly Reports, including proofs of deposit. This includes escrow deposit demands of DOR audit results of individual distributors.	Non-participating Manufacturers; Distributors; State of South Carolina	Non-participating Manufacturers; Distributors; State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
Monitor and enforce compliance with Directory approved sales as reported by the State Law Enforcement Division through inspections, seizures of contraband cigarettes	Retailers; State of South Carolina	Retailers; State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
Monitor and enforce compliance with Directory approved sales as reported by the Department of Revenue through inspections, seizures of contraband cigarettes	Retailers; State of South Carolina	Retailers; State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
Participate in NAAG Center for Tobacco and Public Health working groups and projects	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
File, defend, and, if appropriate, settle lawsuits (certification denials; removals from the SC Tobacco Directory; default on escrow deposits; contraband sales)	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division-Tobacco	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Potential reduction or loss of MSA Payment to the State.
Represent the State, Attorney General's Office, and agencies in matters to enforce the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Lack of enforcement of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act

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Enforce the state and federal antitrust statutes in cases where South Carolina citizens are directly impacted	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Lack of enforcement of state and federal antitrust statutes
Participate in working group calls. Depending on the ad hoc working group, the State may have minor or major interest. The Agency may be a lead, on the executive committee, a participating state, or simply monitoring. The degree of participation is dependent upon the status and the needs of SC citizens.	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Failure to gain or share information from and with working groups
Review settlements under the Class Action Fairness Act	Class action claimants	Class action claimants	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Lack of review of settlements under the Class Action Fairness Act
Protection of public charities (charitable trust authority) when questions arise as to conflicts of interest, breach of fiduciary duty, and other violations of the intent of public benefit from the charity.	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Lack of protection of public charities
Investigations under the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporations Act	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	lack of enforcement of South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act
Receive and review notices of nonprofit dissolutions and sales of certain nonprofit assets	State of South Carolina, nonprofits	State of South Carolina, nonprofits	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	lack of review of nonprofit dissolutions and sales
Approval of grants of easements, permits, and rights of way over Department of Mental Health facilities	Department of Mental Health	Department of Mental Health	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	lack of approval of grants, easements, and rights of way over Department of Mental Health facilities
Review applications for health care cooperative agreements when referred by DHEC.	DHEC	DHEC	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Lack of review of applications for health care cooperative agreements
Enforcement of the South Carolina Telephone Privacy Protection Act to preclude telephone solicitation, or cause to be initiated, to a telephone number on the National Do Not Call Registry maintained by the federal government pursuant to the Telemarketing Sales Rule	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Lack of enforcement of the South Carolina Telephone Privacy Protection Act

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Enforcement of Bad Faith Assertion of Patent Infringement Act by requiring the posting of bonds	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Lack of enforcement of Bad Faith Assertion of Patent Infringement Act
Receive and review notices of South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act cases from County Clerks of Court	State of South Carolina, county clerks of court	State of South Carolina, county clerks of court	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	lack of review of South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act cases
Receive data breach notice letters	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	lack of processing of data breach notice letters
Serve as Administrator under the Motor Vehicle Act to investigate, issue cease and desist orders and injunctive relief on any valid abuse of the Act	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	No Administrator under the Motor Vehicle Act
Receive federal tax form 990 for foundations	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Lack of processing of federal tax form 990
serve as local counsel to other AG Offices	other state Attorney General Offices	other state Attorney General Offices	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Failure to work with other state Attorney General Offices
Make recommendations to the Attorney General's Office for sign-ons related to the Section	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	State of South Carolina	Legal Services Division - Consumer Protection and Antitrust	The Legal Services Division consists of the following sections: Securities, Money Services, Tobacco, Civil Litigation, and Consumer Protection and Antitrust.	Office would not receive recommendations on relevant matters

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Name of Partner Entity	Type of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and other state and local law enforcement	State and Local Government	Securities Fraud, Tobacco Enforcement and Criminal Case Investigations
South Carolina Department Of Revenue	State Government	Tobacco Settlement Collections
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	State Government	Assist with Medicaid Fraud Investigations
Non-Profit Organizations	Non-Governmental Organization	Crime Victim Services Partnership for Crime Victim Assistance
Judicial System Officials	State Government	Crime Victim Services Partnership for Crime Victim Assistance
Victim Advocates	Individual	Crime Victim Services Partnership for Crime Victim Assistance
National Crime Victim Compensation Association Board	Non-Governmental Organization	Crime Victim Services Compensation Assistance and Guidance
Department of Mental Health	State Government	Crime Victim Services Partnership for Crime Victim Assistance and Sexually Violent Predator Act
Local Hospitals and Health Care Centers	Non-Governmental Organization	Crime Victim Services Partnership for Crime Victim Assistance
Department of Corrections	State Government	Crime Victim Services Partnership with SVAP Program and Sexually Violent Predator Act
Department of Juvenile Justice	State Government	Crime Victim Services Partnership for Crime Victim Assistance
South Carolina Department of Archives and History	State Government	Worked with SCDOAH to enhance Agency's Records Program
Division of State Human Resources	State Government	Advises Agency HR staff on State Regulations and HR Matters
National Association of Attorney General's	Professional Association	Provide Training, Development and Support for Attorney General and Staff
County and Local Law Enforcement Agencies	Local Government	Investigative Collaboration and Prosecutorial Partnership
Federal Law Enforcement Agencies	Federal Government	Investigative Collaboration and Prosecutorial Partnership
SC Law Enforcement Assistance Program	Professional Association	Provide Mental Health Assistance to Investigators Reviewing Highly Sensitive and Obscene Evidence
Children's Law Center	Private Business Organization	Provide Training on Issues Relating to Internet Safety and Prevention of Internet Crimes Against Children
Military Law Enforcement Agencies	Federal Government	Investigative Collaboration and Prosecutorial Partnership for ICAC Cases
U. S Department of Justice Programs	Federal Government	Provide Federal Grant Funding to Agency for Crime Victim Assistance and Solicitation of Minors Crime Awareness
North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.	Professional Association	Provide Training, Development, and Support for Securities Commissioner and Staff
South Carolina Department of Administration	State Government	Provide shared IT services, building rental agreements, budget assistance, management training
SC Bar Association	State Government	Legal resources
University of South Carolina, School of Law	State Government	Career opportunities for future attorneys, career fairs
Charleston School of Law	State Government	Career opportunities for future attorneys, career fairs
SC811	Non-Governmental Organization	Collaborate to ensure enforcement of the South Carolina Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act
Medical University of South Carolina	State Government	Expert services for Sexually Violent Predator Act

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Reports Responses:**

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Report Name	Law Number (If required)	Summary of Information Requested in the Report	Most Recent Submission Date	Reporting Frequency	Type of Entity	Method to Access the Report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact
Affirmative Action Report	§ 1-13-110	Affirmative Action Plan		Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	https://www.scstatehouse.gov/Archives/areports.php
Agency Accountability Report	SC Statute §1-1-810	The report "must contain the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met." Agencies must "identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures."	9-16-2021	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Provided to LSA for posting online	https://admin.sc.gov/budget/accountability
Bank Account Transparency and Accountability	State Proviso 117.83	Composite Reservoir Bank Account Transaction Detail	10-1-2020	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	Contact Agency
CAFR Fiscal Closing Packages		Financial Year End Audit Reports	9-10-2021	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	Contact Agency
Federal Financial Reconciliation		Federal Grant Detail	7-30-2021	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact Agency
IT Planning Report	State Proviso 117.117	IT Procurement, Personnel and Expense Planning	8-1-2021	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact Agency
Treasury Federal Equitable Sharing Report		Federal Detail of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Funds	8-30-2021	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact Agency