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The Office of the Attorney General and Reporter is established by Article VI, Section 5 of the Tennessee Constitution. The attorney general is appointed by the justices of the Tennessee Supreme Court for an eight-year term.

The attorney general is the chief legal officer of the state. Through his staff, he represents the interests of the state in a variety of areas. Officers and agencies of the state are represented by the attorney general in all civil litigation before state and federal courts. The attorney general prosecutes all criminal cases in the appellate courts and exercises original prosecutorial powers in the areas of securities and state contract fraud. He also has the authority to institute ouster proceedings and civil actions for antitrust violations, consumer fraud, and environmental enforcement. In addition to courtroom duties, the attorney general provides legal advice to state departments and agencies and the General Assembly. Formal opinions of the attorney general on legal issues are rendered to state officials upon request. The attorney general also approves all administrative regulations and leases as to form and legality. Finally, in the exercise of his reporter function, the attorney general reports the opinions of the Tennessee Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

The attorney general is assisted by a chief deputy who is responsible for coordinating and supervising the work of the office, including review of substantive work, general management of the office and participation in policy formation. The attorney general is also assisted by the solicitor general who is responsible for review of opinions before submission to the attorney general and supervision and coordination of the appellate work of the office.

Organizationally, the office of the attorney general is divided into fifteen divisions headed by their respective deputies.

Paul G. Summers

Attorney General and Reporter

Born March 28, 1950, Somerville, TN; one child, Isaac; Methodist; valedictorian of Germantown High School, 1968; B.S., *Distinction*, Mississippi State University, 1972; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 1974; graduate, *With Honors*, Army Command and General Staff College, 1986; graduate of National College of District Attorneys, 1987; colonel and staff judge advocate for Troop Command, Tennessee Army National Guard; member of Tennessee Judicial Conference, Tennessee Bar Association, Tennessee National Guard Association, National Guard Association of the United States, Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, National Association of Attorneys General; awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster from the Tennessee Army National Guard; active martial artist and karate instructor holding rank of black belt; president, Southern Region of Attorneys General; past president of Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference; appointed district attorney general, 1982; elected 1982 and 1990; appointed to Tennessee Sentencing Commission, 1994; appointed to Court of Criminal Appeals, September 1990; elected, 1992 and 1998; appointed Attorney General, January 1999.

Administrative Division: Lucy Honey Haynes, Associate Chief Deputy — This division handles administrative and fiscal matters for the office.

Bankruptcy Division: Cynthia Kinser, Deputy — This division works with all state agencies to protect the state's interest by filing proofs of claim and administrative claims against debtors in bankruptcy.

Antitrust Division: Dennis Garvey, Deputy — This division enforces state and federal antitrust laws on behalf of the state.

Civil Litigation and State Services Division: Kevin Steiling, Deputy — This division represents the state's various educational agencies and institutions, the departments of General Services, Personnel, the Civil Service Commission, the Human Rights Commission, and the State Building Commission. It is also reviews state contracts and represents the state in employment and construction litigation.

Civil Rights and Claims Division: Kimberly J. Dean, Deputy — This division represents the Department of Correction, the Board of Claims, and the Defense Counsel Commission. It is responsible for the defense of most civil rights suits and claims filed against the state heard by the Tennessee Claims Commission.

Consumer Advocate and Protection Division: Russell T. Perkins, Deputy — This division may intervene to represent the public interest in matters pending before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. It also represents the Division of Consumer Affairs in investigations and litigation and the Charitable Solicitations Division of the Secretary of State's Office. It handles unauthorized practice of law.

Criminal Division: Amy L. Tarkington, Deputy — This division handles all appeals from state criminal convictions and *habeas corpus* actions filed on behalf of inmates and interstate rendition.

Enforcement Division: David M. Himmelreich, Deputy — This division is responsible for the prosecution of civil and criminal enforcement cases in the areas of securities fraud, environmental law, official corruption, and related white-collar fraud. The division represents the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Comptroller's Office, Commerce and Insurance, District Attorneys General Conference, Financial Institutions, Environment and Conservation, Safety, and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Environmental Division: Barry Turner, Deputy — This division enforces environmental protection laws.

Financial Division: Gina J. Barham, Deputy — This division handles issues of government financing and represents the departments of Financial Institutions, Finance and Administration, and Commerce and Insurance.

General Civil Division: Dianne Dycus, Deputy — This division represents the departments of Human Services, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Labor, Agriculture, and Employment Security. It also represents the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, the Fire Marshal's Office, and the Department of Military.

Health Care Division: Linda A. Ross, Deputy — This division represents the Department of Health, TennCare, the Health Facilities Commission, and Health Related Boards.

Real Property and Transportation Division: Larry Teague, Deputy — This division represents the Department of Transportation generally, and represents the state of Tennessee in land acquisition for all purposes.

Special Litigation Division: Jimmy G. Creecy, Chief Special Counsel — This division handles special litigation or assists other divisions in litigation matters.

Tax Division: Charles L. Lewis, Deputy — This division represents the Department of Revenue, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, and the regulatory boards of the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

Andy D. Bennett

Chief Deputy Attorney General

Born July 12, 1957, Charlotte, TN. Married; one child; B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1979; J.D., Vanderbilt School of Law, 1982; assistant attorney general, 1982-86; deputy attorney general, 1986-93; associate chief deputy, 1993-97; appointed chief deputy, December 1997. Tennessee Bicentennial Foundation Board of Directors, 1993-97; Tennessee Supreme Court Historical Society Board of Directors, 1999 to present; Tennessee Bar Foundation member, 2001; National Assoc. of Attorneys General Marvin Award recipient, 2004.



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Solicitor General

Born February 8, 1950, in Leominster, MA. A.B., (*summa cum laude* with high distinction), Dartmouth College, 1972; J.D., Stanford University, 1975; private practice, Waller Lansden, Dortch & Davis, Nashville, TN, 1979-85, 1987-93; director of law for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, 1985-87; appointed solicitor general, December 1993.



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