



## Office of the Indiana Attorney General

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### *Executive Staff*



#### **Lori Ann Tores**

##### **Chief Deputy**

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Lori Torres is Chief Deputy Attorney General for Attorney General Todd Rokita. Torres is a veteran public servant, having served as the State's Inspector General, Indiana Commissioner of Labor, and Indiana Department of Transportation General Counsel and Deputy Commissioner. She has practiced law for more than thirty-five years, including private practice. Torres graduated from Indiana University and received her law degree cum laude from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.



#### **Jamie W. Weber**

##### **Chief of Staff**

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Jamie Weber is the Chief of Staff for the Indiana Attorney General's Office. She has spent her career working with elected officials and consulting candidates for state and federal office. Jamie graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Political Science.



#### **Cory Christian Voight**

##### **Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General**

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Cory assists Chief Deputy Lori Torres and Attorney General Rokita on important legal matters and strategic Office initiatives. Possessing more than 20 years of practice, Cory began his career as a Deputy Prosecutor, was an attorney at two local private firms and has been with the A.G.'s Office for approximately 11 years. Most recently, Cory has been Co-Director of the Complex Litigation Division and looks forward to leading from a more global OAG perspective. Cory resides in Noblesville with his wife, Shannon, and their three children, William, Jacob, and Caroline.



#### **Blake Lanning**

##### **Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General**

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Blake Lanning assists Attorney General Rokita and Chief Deputy Torres on important legal matters and strategic initiatives. Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Blake practiced law at a firm in Washington, DC. Blake has also served as Special Assistant to U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, Counsel to Senator Mike Lee on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and as a law clerk to Judge Stanley Marcus on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Blake graduated with Highest Distinction from Indiana University and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School.



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### **Clinton Bohm**

#### **Chief Administrative Officer**

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Clinton Bohm is the father of five boys and husband to Anne. He has always prided himself on being a father first. During his professional career, he has been an agent of change and improvement in his previous roles with the Department of Child Services and the Ports of Indiana. This is his second tour of service with the Office of Attorney General as he previously served as the Director of Finance.



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#### **William H. Anthony**

##### **Chief Counsel of Advisory**

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William ("Bill") Anthony joined the Office of Indiana Attorney General in April 2019, as a Deputy Attorney General within the Advisory Division serving as Assistant Chief Counsel. Prior to joining the office, he held various management and advisory roles at the municipal level concentrating on code enforcement, permitting/licensing, and public works. Mr. Anthony graduated from the University of Southern Indiana and earned his Juris Doctorate from Indiana University – Robert H. McKinney School of Law



#### **Angela N. Sanchez**

##### **Chief Counsel of Appeals**

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Angela Sanchez is the Chief Counsel for Appeals. In that position, she is responsible for all aspects of the Appeals Division's operation and leads a team of over forty outstanding attorneys and support staff. Angela joined the OAG shortly after law school and has been with the Appeals Division nearly her entire tenure. She has handled hundreds of appeals and argued dozens of complex cases before Indiana appellate courts.



#### **Betsy M. DeNardi**

##### **Special Counsel of Complex Litigation**

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Betsy M. DeNardi (formerly Betsy Isenberg) currently serves as Special Counsel of Complex Litigation. She joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in October 2003 as a deputy in the Civil Rights and Employment Litigation Section. She previously served as the Assistant Section Chief and the Section Chief of the Civil Litigation Section in the Office. From February 1, 2017, to July 12, 2020, Betsy served as the Director and Chief Counsel of the Consumer Protection Division.



#### **Scott L. Barnhart**

##### **Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer Protection**

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Scott Barnhart began his legal career with the Attorney General's Office in 2003. He began as a Law Clerk and later served as a Deputy Attorney General. In 2008, Mr. Barnhart was selected by the Office to cross-train as a Deputy Prosecutor in Indianapolis. He returned to the Office in 2009. From 2012-2019, he practiced at his own firm and returned to public service in 2019. Mr. Barnhart currently serves as Chief Counsel and Director of the Consumer Protection Division.



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#### **Patricia Orloff Erdmann** Chief Counsel of Litigation

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As Chief Counsel of the Litigation Division, Erdmann leads the Division's four sections consisting of 60 attorneys and over 4,500 cases in state and federal courts. Erdmann's caseload involves complex litigation, constitutional challenges, civil rights and employment, RICO, and whistleblower cases. She has over three decades of legal and management experience that spans the private, public (state and federal), and nonprofit sectors and has served four Attorneys General.



#### **Matthew G. Whitmire** Director and Chief Counsel of the Medicaid Fraud Control

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Matthew Whitmire serves as the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Matthew coordinates the efforts of attorneys and investigators in civil, criminal, and licensing actions involving fraud by providers in the Medicaid program and the abuse and neglect of Medicaid patients in long term care facilities. Matthew received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from Wabash College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Dayton School of Law, graduating with honors, in 2005.



#### **James A. Barta** Solicitor General

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James Barta serves as Solicitor General. In this role, he handles constitutional challenges and other litigation of vital importance to state interests. Previously, he served within the office as Deputy Solicitor General, practiced at a nationally recognized litigation boutique, and taught at Georgetown University Law Center. He clerked for Judge Raymond M. Kethledge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Judge Stephen J. Murphy, III, of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.



#### **Krista Kelly** Chief Data Officer

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Krista's experience in the public and private sector in engineering, education, and finance roles provides her with a unique perspective on collecting and using data for strategic decision making. She looks forward to working with the OAG to build flexibility and reliability in processes and to capitalize on technology to create efficiencies.



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**Paul (Chris) Fletcher**  
Chief Financial Officer

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Chris is a lifelong resident of Indiana and has worked for the State of Indiana since July 2002. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Indiana University Bloomington and his graduate degree from the University of Indianapolis. Chris has served in a variety of financial roles for the Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Budget Agency, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration and the Indiana Department of Child Services.



**Michael G. Chopp**  
Director of Human Resources

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Mike returned to the Attorney General's Office in January 2021 after serving as HR Director from 2004 through 2016. He returned due to his passion for the work that the Office performs daily, the collaborative and collegial environment that is exemplified on a regular basis, and the fact that all employees share in the many wins that the Office enjoys. Mike and his wife Caren have two children.



**Michael R. Ward**  
Director of Investigations

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Mike Ward joined the Attorney General's Office in 1986 and was quickly promoted to Director of Special Investigations where he currently serves. Mike is a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy's Specialized Investigator Training Academy and is an adjunct Firearms Instructor for the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Mike has served under eight Attorneys General and has investigated and supervised thousands of sensitive civil, criminal, and internal investigations.



**Amy T. Hendrix**  
Director of Unclaimed Property

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Amy Hendrix is the Director of Unclaimed Property for Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita. Amy and her team return an average of one million dollars per week to Hoosiers and their heirs. Most recently, she served as the director of financial empowerment for an Indiana-based not-for-profit where she taught foster youth financial literacy and managed a credit building microloan program.



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#### **Corrine Lorraine Youngs**

##### **Policy Director & Legislative Counsel**

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Corrine Youngs serves as Policy Director and Legislative Counsel to Indiana Attorney General. Prior to joining the OAG, Corrine worked at the Bopp Law Firm PC, as an associate attorney practicing civil trial and appellate litigation in the areas of First Amendment, Campaign Finance, Election, and Constitutional Law. While at the Bopp Law Firm, Corrine also served as general counsel for Indiana Right to Life.



#### **Erin Tuttle**

##### **Legislative Director**

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Erin Tuttle serves as a consultant to the Office of the Attorney General, working with legislative and policy staff, elected officials, and external stakeholders to further the priorities of the Attorney General. Before joining the office, she worked as a senior policy analyst conducting research and drafting legislation for a variety of clients. Tuttle is the co-author of *Deconstructing the Administrative State* and a faculty scholar at The Catholic University of America.



#### **Benjamin Fearnow**

##### **Director of Communications**

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Benjamin Fearnow was born and raised on Indy's Southside before he moved to New York City, where he bounced around newsrooms for 12 years. Always the charmer, Ben enjoys guitar, Italian food & political banter over a nice bourbon.



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### **Advisory**



#### **Christopher M. Anderson**

##### **Assistant Chief Counsel of Advisory**

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Christopher joined the OAG in October 2018. His legal representation for the State and its agencies includes litigating constitutional challenges, whistleblower actions, judicial reviews, and agency enforcement actions. Before joining the OAG, Christopher served as the Assistant General Counsel for Governor Mike Pence, and then as the Associate General Counsel for the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Christopher obtained his juris doctor from IU McKinney in 2014, and his bachelor's degree from Taylor University in 2009.



#### **Hilari Anne Sautbine**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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Hilari has worked for the State of Indiana since 2012. Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General in 2021, she worked for the Indiana Department of Health in various roles. Being an attorney is Hilari's second career – her undergraduate degree is in Biology, and she worked as a microbiologist for several years before going to law school.



#### **Jill Haddad**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Jill Haddad began working in the Administrative and Regulatory Enforcement Litigation Section at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in 2019. Recently, she joined the Advisory Division and provides legal counsel to several State Boards, amongst other duties. Jill has served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Marion and Shelby County and Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis. She is a dedicated public servant committed to upholding the law.



#### **Zanna Claire Dyer**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Zanna Claire Dyer has served as a Deputy Attorney General with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General since October 2015. Prior to being sworn in as a Deputy Attorney General, Claire joined the Office in August 2013 as a post-graduate law clerk for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Claire worked in the Medical Licensing Section until August 2019 when she transferred to the Advisory Division.



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**Donald L. Hannah**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Donald Hannah has served as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana working in the Advisory Division since April of 2014. He has written a wide array of official published opinions. Additionally, he provides legal counsel to several boards and commissions, including: the State Board of Nursing; the Board of Accountancy; the Indiana State Fair Commission; the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers; and the Manufactured Home Installer Licensing Board.



**James Harry**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Born and raised as a Hoosier, James proudly calls Indiana "home." James joined the Advisory Division of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in 2020. Prior to that, James practiced civil litigation and then acted as counsel to the Indiana House of Representatives. James now serves his fellow Hoosiers by advising state agencies on licensing law, contract analysis, and administrative law, as well as a multitude of other issues.



**Adam Harvey**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Adam Harvey has worked for the Office of the Indiana Attorney General since 2018. Adam has served as a Law Clerk to the Medical Licensing and Advisory Divisions. Following law school at IU McKinney, Adam served as a member of the 2020 I-DAG class and now works as a Deputy Attorney General in the Advisory Division where he serves as an advisory counsel to the Medical Licensing Board among other Boards, Commissions, and state clients.



**Leif K. Johnson**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Leif Johnson serves as a Deputy Attorney General for the Advisory Division. He has been with the Office of the Attorney General since 2011, beginning his time as a summer law clerk and then progressing into a Deputy Attorney General position. He previously served the office's Licensing Enforcement section from 2012 until 2021, fulfilling the roles of Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Section Chief, before joining Advisory.





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### **Clarence Benjamin Leatherbury** Deputy Attorney General

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Clarence graduated from the IU Kelley School of Business in 2012 and earned his J.D. from IU McKinney in 2015. While in law school, Clarence was an extern for the Indiana Supreme Court and Indiana Attorney General's Office. Clarence received his LLM in Corporate Law from IU McKinney in 2021. Clarence is licensed in Indiana and Kentucky.



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### *Appeals – Civil*



#### **Benjamin Jones**

##### **Section Chief of Civil Appeals**

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A Hoosier native, Ben completed his undergraduate degree at DePauw University before attending the Indiana Maurer School of Law in Bloomington. After graduation, Ben spent several years in private practice before joining the Office of the Attorney General's litigation division in 2015. Ben joined the appellate division in 2019 and was promoted to Assistant Section Chief for Civil Appeals in 2022.



#### **Kyle Hunter**

##### **Assistant Section Chief of Civil Appeals**

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Kyle joined the Office's appeals section in 2012, after graduating from Indiana University McKinney School of Law. After five years in appeals, Kyle worked as a staff attorney for the Indiana Supreme Court. Kyle returned to the Office in 2023, and shortly thereafter became the Assistant Section Chief of Civil Appeals.



#### **Frances H. Barrow**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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Frances has been a Deputy in Civil Appeals since 2002. She has presented about 90 oral arguments in the Indiana Court of Appeals, Indiana Supreme Court, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Frances has been a presenter at CLE seminars on topics including defending class actions, injunction practice, child support appeals, and administrative law, and has lectured at the McKinney School of Law on child support issues.



#### **Evan M. Comer**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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Evan Comer joined OAG's Appeals Division as a Deputy Attorney General in January 2018 after having previously clerked in the division from 2016 to 2017. Evan is a graduate of Butler University and the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law. Evan has argued multiple cases before the Indiana Supreme Court and Court of Appeals on behalf of the State of Indiana, and he currently serves as chair of the Appeals Division's Law Clerk Committee.



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#### **David E. Corey**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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David E. Corey is a Supervising Deputy Attorney General in Civil Appeals. David graduated magna cum laude from both Hope College (BA 1991; Phi Beta Kappa) and IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law (JD 2000). David joined the OAG in July 2013 after working as trial and appellate counsel for the Department of Child Services. Before working at DCS, David was in private practice in Michigan and then practiced at Ice Miller, LLP.



#### **Katherine A. Cornelius**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Katherine Cornelius attended Valparaiso University School of Law. Katherine clerked for the Indiana Court of Appeals before becoming a trial attorney. She litigated civil, family law, bankruptcy, and juvenile delinquent cases before joining the Marion County Public Defender Agency. After 10 years, Katherine returned to Juvenile Court in the Child in Need of Services and Termination of Parental Rights division. Katherine worked for the Department of Child Services before joining the Office of the Attorney General.



#### **John Oosterhoff**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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John started as a DAG with Government Litigation shortly after graduating from IU McKinney School of Law in 2022 and has since transferred to Appeals. John was a clerk for the Appeals division of the Indiana Attorney General's Office during law school, and has prior legal experience in Government Relations, Personal Injury, and HIPAA Compliance.



#### **Abigail Rae Recker**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Abigail R. Recker has been a DAG in civil appeals since 2014. She practices in the Indiana appellate courts, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. Mrs. Recker graduated from Indiana State University in 2011 with a double major in political science and legal studies, and in 2014 from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.



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#### **Monika Prekopa Talbot** Deputy Attorney General

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Monika Prekopa Talbot is a Deputy Attorney General in the Civil Appeals Section of the Appellate Division. Talbot joined the office in 2000 as a deputy in criminal appeals. She became a supervising deputy in that section 2004, and she held that position until 2019, when she transferred to the civil appeals section. Talbot has presented at least 50 oral arguments in front of the Supreme Court of Indiana and the Indiana Court of Appeals.



#### **Natalie F. Weiss** Deputy Attorney General

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Natalie Weiss joined the Office in 2018. She is a graduate of Muhlenberg College. Natalie earned her master's degree in teaching at Marian University. From 2012-2014, Natalie served as a Teach for America corps member in Indianapolis. After completing the Teach for America program, Natalie attended Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Before joining the OAG, Natalie was as an associate attorney at a law firm in Noblesville, Indiana practicing education law.



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### ***Appeals – Criminal***



#### **Andrew Kobe**

##### **Section Chief of Criminal Appeals**

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Andrew A. Kobe began his legal career clerking for Justice Brent E. Dickson of the Indiana Supreme Court. He worked as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Huntington County for four years handling cases from serious felonies to infractions. In his two stints as a Deputy Attorney General, Andrew has argued over 40 cases in the Indiana Supreme Court and over fifteen cases to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He has been the Section Chief of Criminal Appeals since 2010.



#### **Jesse R. Drum**

##### **Assistant Section Chief of Criminal Appeals**

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Jesse manages federal habeas corpus litigation as an Assistant Section Chief for Criminal Appeals. He joined the OAG as a law clerk in 2012. He has written briefs and presented oral arguments in the Indiana appellate courts and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and has drafted briefs in the Supreme Court of the United States. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife and two sons.



#### **Kelly Allison Loy**

##### **Assistant Section Chief of Criminal Appeals**

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Kelly Loy is the Assistant Section Chief in Criminal Appeals. During her fifteen years with the OAG, Kelly has represented the State of Indiana in criminal and post-conviction appeals, federal habeas corpus proceedings, and capital post-conviction hearings. Additionally, Kelly served as a prosecutor in securities fraud cases and had a general practice in Maine for several years following law school.



#### **Tyler G. Banks**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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Tyler Banks is a Supervising Deputy Attorney General in Criminal Appeals and handles criminal cases on direct appeal, post-conviction appeal, and federal habeas corpus review. He also litigates matters in capital cases. He was previously a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Southern Indiana.



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#### **Ian McLean**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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Ian McLean joined the Attorney General's Office from private practice in civil and criminal law in 2007. He is a former Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. He has prepared and filed over 750 briefs for OAG in the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court and argued 31 cases in the Supreme Court and 32 cases in the Court of Appeals.



#### **Ellen Meilaender**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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Ellen H. Meilaender is a Supervising Deputy Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Section. After receiving her J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where she graduated magna cum laude and served as an Articles Editor on the Indiana Law Journal, she joined the Attorney General's Office in 2000 and has been a supervising attorney since 2004. She is one of the State's most experienced appellate advocates.



#### **Justin F. Roebel**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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Justin F. Roebel is a Supervising Deputy Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Section. Justin joined the office in June 2012, but previously served as a Deputy Attorney General from 2002-2008. In the interim, Justin served as Assistant Corporation Counsel to the City of Indianapolis. Justin is from Fort Wayne and now lives in Indianapolis with his wife and daughter.



#### **George P. Sherman**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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George Sherman has represented the State of Indiana in over 1,200 criminal prosecutions on appeal. During law school, George became interested in a career in criminal law while volunteering to assist victims of domestic violence. He also clerked at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in the General Litigation and Appeals Divisions. After completing a post-doctoral fellowship with the dean of the law school, George was hired as a Deputy Attorney General in 2002.



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#### **Caroline G. Templeton**

##### **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**

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Carrie is a native of Indiana. After graduating law school, she began her law career by working for the Department of Child Services in Wayne County. She joined the OAG in October 2017 in criminal appeals. In addition to state appeals, Carrie also works on federal habeas conviction cases. Carrie has presented oral argument in the Indiana Court of Appeals, Indiana Supreme Court, and the Seventh Circuit.



#### **Jennifer B. Anwarzai**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Jennifer previously worked in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, where she prosecuted cases involving drug diversion, patient abuse, neglect, and healthcare fraud. Prior to joining the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in March 2022, Jennifer was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Major Felony Division at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. She completed her bachelor's degree in English Literature and Political Science at Butler University in 2012.



#### **Kathy Bradley**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Kathy Bradley is a Deputy Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Division. She returned to the Attorney General's Office in February 2023, having previously served as a DAG in Civil Appeals from 2008-2015. Prior to joining the office, Kathy practiced in a variety of settings including time at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. and with the City of Indianapolis Office of Corporation Counsel. She is a graduate of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.



#### **Catherine E. Brizzi**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Catherine Brizzi is a Deputy Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Section. Catherine joined the Office of the Attorney General in 2019 as a member of the second class of the Intensive Deputy Attorney General Program. She completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at Indiana University Bloomington and graduated cum laude from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She is licensed to practice law in the State of Indiana.



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#### **Samuel J. Dayton**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Sam has worked in the criminal appeals division of the office since January 2019, and he has worked for the office since June 2014. As of June 2022, Sam has authored around 200 appellate briefs and has delivered oral arguments in the Indiana Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of Indiana.



#### **Steven J. Hosler**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Steven Hosler is a member of the second class of the Intensive Deputy Attorney General program. Steven completed his bachelor's degree at Indiana University and his J.D. at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. He began his time at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General as a clerk in 2018. In 2019 he joined the office as an Intensive Deputy Attorney General and then was placed in the Criminal Appeals Section in 2020.



#### **Michelle Kazmierczak**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Prior to joining the Indiana Attorney General's Office, she served as a Deputy Prosecutor for several years before going into civil practice. Michelle has over 20 years of experience focusing on criminal matters, civil litigation, corporate governance, first-party insurance defense, employment matters and professional liability. A cum laude graduate of Indiana University-Bloomington, Michelle earned her J.D. at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



#### **Sierra A. Murray**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Sierra was born and raised in the Hoosier State. After completing law school, she joined the OAG in November of 2018 as a member of the Intensive Deputy Attorney General (I-DAG) training program. In March of 2019, she was promoted to Deputy Attorney General in the Appeals Division. During law school, Sierra was a member of the Order of the Barristers, competed in ABA Moot Court Competition, and served as the student graduation speaker.





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**Megan M. Smith**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Megan has been a Deputy Attorney General since April 2019. Megan has presented oral arguments in the Indiana Court of Appeals and Indiana Supreme Court. Before joining OAG, she spent over five years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Child Support Division. Prior to graduating from law school, Megan spent two years as a social worker and eight years overseeing the small-claims judgment collections for a property management company.



**Alexandria Sons**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Alexandria joined Criminal Appeals in November 2021 after clerking in Appeals during law school and participating in the I-DAG program. She graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in religious studies and a minor in Philosophy. She graduated cum laude from Indiana University McKinney School of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Barristers, a quarterfinalist in the moot court tournament, and a member of the Indiana Health Law Review.



**Courtney L. Staton**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Courtney Staton received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Kent State University in 2012 and her juris doctorate from Ohio Northern University in 2015. After graduating from law school, Courtney began her legal career by working as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Madison County, Indiana. She joined the Attorney General's Office in March of 2019 and has presented oral argument in the Indiana Court of Appeals and Indiana Supreme Court.



**Jodi K. Stein**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Jodi Stein is a native of Michigan and graduated in 1988 from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. She graduated from the Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, in 1992, becoming a member of the Indiana bar that October. Jodi joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in 1993 and has served in both the Advisory and Criminal Appeals divisions.



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#### **Andrew M. Sweet**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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After earning his J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School in 2016, Andrew Sweet returned home to Indiana to begin his legal career. Driven by a desire to serve his fellow Hoosiers, Andrew worked for eight years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, with most of that time spent prosecuting violent crimes and homicides.



#### **Daylon Welliver**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Daylon started his career clerking for Justice Dickson on the Indiana Supreme Court. After that he spent 24 years at the Johnson County Prosecutor's Office, including several years handling sex and child crimes, with the final three as chief deputy. He is married and has two adult children and a dog.



#### **James Whitehead**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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J.T. Whitehead graduated from Wabash College in 1987, received his MA in philosophy from Purdue in 1993 and his JD from Indiana University in 1997. His career with the State of Indiana began in June of 1998. He lives in Indianapolis with his two sons, Daniel and Joseph.



#### **Robert M. Yoke**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Bob is from Indianapolis and worked for the Indiana Department of Child Services and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office before joining the Office of the Attorney General.



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### ***Consumer Protection***



### **Steven Taterka**

#### **Deputy Director, Consumer Protection Division**

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Steven is Deputy Director of the Consumer Protection Division. His prior experience includes consumer protection cases including UDAP, lemon law, odometer fraud, salvage fraud, Truth-in-Lending and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. He is a former Indiana Deputy Attorney General, Tennessee Assistant Attorney General, and legal services attorney in Wisconsin and Alabama. He has drafted various consumer protection statutes including Indiana's lemon law buyback disclosure law and is admitted to practice in Wisconsin, Alabama, DC, Indiana, and Tennessee.



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### *Consumer Protection – Data Privacy and ID Theft*

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#### **Douglas S. Swetnam**

##### **Section Chief of Data Privacy & Identity Theft**

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Douglas Swetnam is the Section Chief for Data Privacy and Identity Theft at the Office of Attorney General Todd Rokita. He leads multi-state investigations and litigation in matters involving technology, robocalls, data breaches and HIPAA. In his early career he was a trial attorney. He subsequently served as Global Director of Web Technologies for a Fortune 200 company and subsequently worked in various capacities for two additional Fortune 500 companies prior to joining the office.



#### **Jennifer Van Dame**

##### **Assistant Section Chief of Data Privacy & Identity Theft**

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Jen joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in 2021. In her role as Deputy Attorney General, Jen investigates and litigates data breach and privacy-related matters, including multistate investigations. From 2015 to 2021, she worked in private practice in Indianapolis, focusing on complex litigation and appellate matters. Jen completed a clerkship with the Honorable Margaret G. Robb of the Indiana Court of Appeals before entering private practice.



#### **Joseph Deiser**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Joe is currently a Deputy Attorney General in the Data Privacy and Identity Theft Unit. He joined the office as a law clerk in the Data Privacy Unit in May 2023, then joined the IDAG program in August 2024. Joe also worked at McNeely Law LLP and the Allen County Prosecutor's Office during law school. Joe graduated from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2024 and from Wabash College in 2021.



#### **Christi M. Foust**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Christi Foust was a Deputy Attorney General in the Complex Litigation section. Prior to joining the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, she was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Major Felony Division at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.



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**Thomas Martindale**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Tom was born and raised in Indiana and is proud to be a Hoosier. Tom began his employment as an attorney with the State of Indiana in 2012. In 2023, Tom joined the Office of the Attorney General. Tom resides in Fishers with his wife and daughter.



**Alyssa Rogers**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Alyssa grew up glacier-side in the Matanuska-Susitna valley of Southeastern Alaska. She attended the University of Arizona and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Philosophy; Politics; Economics; and Law. Alyssa moved to Bloomington Indiana in 2016 where she attended Indiana University Maurer School of Law on scholarship. After receiving her J.D., she went on to earn her M.S. in Cybersecurity Risk Management. Before the Attorney General's Office, Alyssa worked as a Cybersecurity Consultant, General Counsel, and Creditor's Rights Attorney.



**Jackson Yerkes**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Jake clerked with Consumer Protection for a year during law school. He served as Deputy Attorney General for the Licensing Enforcement section of the AG's office prior to moving to Data Privacy in July 2024.



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### ***Consumer Protection – Licensing Enforcement***

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#### **Amy Janelle Osborne**

##### **Section Chief of Licensing Enforcement**

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In 2004, Amy began her career in public service by working for several state agencies, including the Indiana Secretary of State and Department of Education. Amy transitioned to a legal career after graduating from IU McKinney School of Law in 2018. Her legal career includes working in private practice prior to returning to state government as an administrative law judge. Amy currently serves as Assistant Section Chief of Licensing Enforcement at the Attorney General's office.



#### **Kelsey E. McKnight**

##### **Assistant Section Chief of Licensing Enforcement**

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A former commodity trader for a Fortune 50 company, Kelsey left the agricultural world and attended IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law where she focused on corporate and commercial law. After graduation, Kelsey started her legal career as in-house counsel for a small tech company based in Indianapolis. In 2019, Kelsey joined the Licensing Enforcement Section as a Deputy Attorney General. Kelsey is a self-proclaimed "foodie," enjoys spending time outdoors and all Chicago sports.



#### **Chase M. Haller**

##### **Director of the Homeowners Protection Unit**

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Chase graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2011 after earning a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 2008. Chase spent the first several years of his career at the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic. Chase began his work as Section Chief of the Homeowner Protection Unit at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in March 2021.



#### **Timothy Weber**

##### **Assistant Section Chief of the Homeowners Protection Unit**

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Tim has worked for the Attorney General's office in licensing enforcement for 12 years, starting as a law clerk and advancing to Assistant Section Chief. He left the office briefly in 2022 when he spent some time at the Marion County Prosecutor's office as a domestic violence prosecutor.



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**Ryan P. Eldridge**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Ryan comes to Indiana from Crittenden, Kentucky. Ryan joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in June 2016 as a law clerk for criminal appeals. After law school, Ryan served as a graduate law clerk for the Advisory Division. Once Ryan was admitted to the Indiana Bar, Ryan joined the office as a Deputy Attorney General for the Licensing Enforcement Section in November of 2017.



**Robert Fox**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Robert began his career in the tax world before joining the Office. He completed his undergraduate degree in accounting at DePaul University. As a lifelong Hoosier, Robert decided to move back to Indiana to attend McKinney School of Law. During his time in law school, he clerked with this Office. Robert enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter and is an avid Detroit sports fan.



**Rebekah Hammond**  
Deputy Attorney General

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In 2017, while attending law school, Rebekah began her career with the Attorney General's Office as a Case Analyst/Investigator and Certified Legal Intern. As an Investigator, Rebekah conducted over 900 investigations into consumer complaints into medical professionals and unlicensed practices. She left to work at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office where she managed misdemeanors/F6 cases and was first chair for several jury trials. Rebekah looks forward to serving as a Deputy Attorney General in the Licensing Enforcement Division.



**Alex O. James**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Alex James began his legal career as a law clerk for the Allen County Superior Court prior to joining the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in 2008. He left in 2011 to pursue interests in mathematics where he later became a college professor at Ivy Tech Community College. Prior to rejoining the office in 2021, Alex work as a solo practitioner doing civil litigation in Indianapolis and surrounding area.



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**Ian Thomas Mathew**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Ian grew up in New Harmony, Indiana. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration, both from the University of Southern Indiana. Before attending law school, he taught English at a university in China through the Council on International Educational Exchange. In 2020, Ian graduated summa cum laude from the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, and he joined the Licensing Enforcement Section in 2021.



**Autumn R. Murphy**  
Deputy Attorney General

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In 2015, Autumn graduated from the University of Kentucky and began working as a legal assistant for a medical malpractice firm. In 2018, Autumn started at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, participating in moot court and volunteering for the Inmate Legal Assistance Project. In 2021, Autumn graduated and accepted a position as a Deputy Attorney General in the Licensing Enforcement Section. She enjoys distance running, hiking, and giving her four pets a lavish lifestyle.



**Carah Rochester**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Carah Rochester, a native Hoosier, is a Deputy Attorney General in Licensing Enforcement. Carah attended IU McKinney School of Law and holds a Graduate Certificate in Health Law and a Master of Health Administration. She is admitted to practice law in Indiana and the United States Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. In her free time, Carah enjoys spending time with her family and traveling.





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### **Consumer Protection – Litigation**



#### **Corinne Gilchrist**

##### **Section Chief of Consumer Litigation**

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Corinne joined the office as a clerk for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and became a Deputy Attorney General in the Litigation Division in 2008. Attorney General Gregory F. Zoeller awarded Corinne a Certificate of Excellence in Public Service in 2009. She spent three years working for the Indiana Department of Child Services, on internal affairs and licensing legal matters. Corinne has been with the Consumer Protection Division since fall of 2017.



#### **Michelle A. Alyea**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Michelle Alyea is a Deputy Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division of the Indiana Attorney General. She is a graduate of Valparaiso University and Valparaiso University School of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Indiana and Illinois. She joined the Consumer Protection Division after clerking for a federal judge in the Northern District of Indiana, working at the Merrillville office of Indiana Legal Services, and spending time in private practice at a consumer protection law firm in Chicago.



#### **Kara J. Burgess**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Kara joined the OAG in December 2019 as a Deputy Attorney General assigned to Tobacco Enforcement within the Consumer Litigation Division. She graduated from Purdue University in 2008 with a B.A. in Anthropology and Arizona Summit Law School in 2015, where she graduated cum laude with her Juris Doctor. She has practiced law as a prosecutor in Maricopa County, Arizona, and Rush County, Indiana, a family law attorney, and a document review attorney.



#### **April T. Keaton**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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In January 2017, April joined the OAG as a law clerk. She worked with the Solicitor General, Asset Recovery & Bankruptcy, and Real Estate, and was part of the inaugural class of the iDAG Program. April is a member of the Sagamore American Inn of Court, the Indianapolis and Indiana State bar associations, and a Class X graduate of the Indiana State Bar Association's Leadership Development Academy. April also enjoys mentoring aspiring attorneys and volunteering.



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### ***Consumer Protection – Litigation***



#### **Jennifer Linsey**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Jennifer joined the office of the Indiana Attorney General in 2023 as an I-DAG. She has an undergraduate degree from Auburn University in Psychology and graduated Cum Laude from Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. While obtaining her JD, Jennifer worked as a legal intern with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. New to Indiana, Jennifer grew up in Pennsylvania and is an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan.



#### **Jesse Moore**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Jesse Moore joined the OAG as an IDAG in 2022, after graduating from Indiana University. As a DAG, Jesse's primary focus is on Antitrust matters. Having grown up on the west side of Indianapolis and spent seven years studying in Bloomington, Jesse was excited to become a lawyer for the State of Indiana. Jesse currently lives on the east side of Indianapolis with his wife and two dogs and enjoys traveling on the weekends.



#### **Jacob Murray**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Jacob has been a Deputy Attorney General with the Consumer Litigation section since 2017, focusing on a variety of consumer protection issues. Prior to his current position, Jacob was a law clerk with the Consumer Protection division, as well as a law clerk with Eli Lilly's accounting department. Jacob currently resides in Indianapolis with his wife and three children.



#### **Mark M. Snodgrass**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Mark Snodgrass has worked as a Deputy Attorney General within the Consumer Protection Division since 2010. He has worked on a wide variety of consumer cases, and currently focuses primarily on investigations and litigation related to issues involving the sale of motor vehicles to consumers, such as deceptive dealer advertising, odometer fraud, salvage vehicle sales, and failure to deliver titles.



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### ***Consumer Protection – Litigation***



### **Tamara L Weaver** **Deputy Attorney General**

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Tamara is a native Hoosier, born and raised in Chesterton. Tamara has been with the OAG since 2010 in a variety of capacities, including her work in victim services and her current position in the Consumer Protection Division. Tamara enjoys speaking to Hoosiers about the function of the OAG and how it can be a resource in preventing and fighting scams as well as her work involving charities.



## Office of the Indiana Attorney General

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### ***Litigation – Administrative & Regulatory***



#### **Aaron M. Ridlen**

##### **Section Chief of Administrative & Regulatory Litigation**

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Aaron leads a team of committed public servants who represent state agencies and officials in a variety of cases including constitutional challenges, judicial reviews, election cases, environmental enforcement, tax disputes, and others. Aaron has previously served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division and as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in southern Indiana. He graduated from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law and holds an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Southern Indiana.



#### **Jefferson Garn**

##### **Special Counsel of Litigation**

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Jeff Garn has served with the Attorney General's Office for over a decade. Starting as a deputy attorney general in Civil Litigation, he has continued to litigate as senior deputy attorney general, section chief of the Administrative and Regulatory Enforcement Litigation Section, and now as Special Counsel. Jeff has also been General Counsel for the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings, an attorney with an Indianapolis law firm, and a law clerk with the District of Columbia Superior Court.



#### **Jonathan Derek Atwood**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Derek has served in a wide variety of legal roles. Beginning in private practice, his practice area included criminal defense, family law, real estate, and estate planning. Recently, Derek served as a Marion County Deputy Prosecutor. Before serving as a Deputy Attorney General in his current role, he previously served the office as a deputy in Government Litigation.



#### **Brendan Basaran**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Brendan began his legal career in 2019. Prior to law school, Brendan worked as an instrumentation chemist, supervised a forensic toxicology lab, managed a public health lab, and focused on process improvement in the laboratory setting. Brendan graduated Franklin College with an undergraduate degree in Biology, the University of Indianapolis with a Master of Public Health degree, Butler University with a Master of Business Administration degree, and Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.



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### ***Litigation – Administrative & Regulatory***



**Trent Bennett**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Trent Bennett started at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General as a clerk in Appeals Division in 2021. Trent graduated from IUPUI with bachelor's degrees in political science and in Civic Leadership. He graduated Indiana University's McKinney School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Barristers and a member of the Indiana International and Comparative Law Review. He is currently a member of the 2022 I-DAG class.



**Bradley Davis**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Bradley earned his B.A. from Miami University in 2020 and his J.D. from IU Maurer School of Law in 2023. He joined the office in 2022 as a law clerk for the Solicitor General division and continued his legal career as an I-DAG. While in law school, Bradley also interned for Judge James P. Hanlon of the Southern District of Indiana and for a public interest firm in Washington, D.C.



**Rebekah Durham**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Rebekah came to the Attorney General's office from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she worked as a chef before deciding to study law. She graduated cum laude from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 2022, where she was the Publications Editor of the law review and a member of the trial practice team. Away from work, she enjoys cooking, baking, and cheering on her favorite baseball team: the World Champion Atlanta Braves.



**Lucas Heffner**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Lucas Heffner joined the Administrative Regulatory Enforcement and Litigation section in 2024. He attended undergrad and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and attended law school at IU McKinney. He served for 5 years in various roles with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, most recently with the major felony division. In his free time, he likes to spend time with his fiancée and pets and is an avid racing fan.



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### ***Litigation – Administrative & Regulatory***



**Patricia Huber Strachan**  
Senior Deputy Attorney General

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Patricia Huber Strachan was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1987. She joined the Indiana Attorney General's Office on January 19, 1999, and is currently a Senior Deputy Attorney General in the AREL Section of the Litigation Division. During her 23-year tenure with the office, her primary duties have included representing the State of Indiana in mental health commitment proceedings, as well as many other administrative and regulatory litigation matters



**Meredith McCutcheon**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Meredith received her JD in 2010. While in law school, she completed internships at the United Nations; the National Association of Clean Water Agencies; the Office of the New York State Attorney General; Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP; and NOAA. After law school, she was a fellow for the Center for Ocean Solutions and clerked for the Honorable Rudolph R. Pyle III and the Honorable Patricia A. Riley of the Indiana Court of Appeals.



**John Oberdorf**  
Deputy Attorney General

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John comes to the AG's office from the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, where he litigated major felony domestic violence cases. Before graduating from law school, he worked as a paralegal/clerk at a small law firm working on social security disability and personal injury cases. His primary legal interests lie in the intersection of religion and government authority, and government litigation.



**Jade Poorman**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Jade Poorman, an Ohio native, is a dedicated attorney specializing in regulatory and administrative law. Holding a J.D. from the University of Dayton, Jade has honed her skills in regulatory compliance and legal research through professional experiences at the FCC and USAF JAG Corps. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Cincinnati with a B.A. in Political Science. Outside of work, Jade enjoys reading, baking, playing golf, and spending time with her family.



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### ***Litigation – Administrative & Regulatory***



#### **Stephen Reen**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Stephen earned his J.D. from the IU McKinney School of Law in Fall 2022 while working as a paralegal for the OAG in Asset Recovery and Bankruptcy Litigation. At McKinney, he published his student note on international family law, served as an Executive Editor on his law review, joined the Moot Court Order of the Barristers, and led two prominent student organizations. He is now a Deputy Attorney General in Administrative and Regulatory Enforcement Litigation.



#### **Grace Slaney**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Grace Slaney graduated from Georgetown College in 2020. She went on to graduate magna cum laude from Ave Maria School of Law in 2024. Grace began her legal career with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in 2024 as a member of the Intensive Deputy Attorney General Program. Soon after, Grace took a position as a Deputy Attorney General in the Administrative and Regulatory Enforcement Litigation Department.



#### **Emily Witker**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Emily joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in August 2023. She received her undergraduate degree from the Ohio State University in Food Business Management in 2019 where she was also a collegiate rower, and then attended the University of Dayton School of Law. While in law school, Emily externed for the U.S. Southern District Court of Ohio, was a member of law review, and received the CALI award for legal research & writing.



## Office of the Indiana Attorney General

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### ***Litigation – Asset Recovery & Bankruptcy***



#### **Heather Marie Crockett**

##### **Section Chief of Asset Recovery & Bankruptcy**

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Heather Crockett is a Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. She began in March 2007 and currently serves as the Section Chief to the Asset Recovery and Bankruptcy Litigation Section. She earned her law degree from the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville in 2006 and her B.S. in History from Georgia College and State University in 1999. She currently resides in central Indiana with her husband, 4 kids, cat, and turtle.



#### **Anna W. Bacon**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Anna has been a Deputy Attorney General in the Asset Recovery & Bankruptcy Litigation Section since 2021. In 2020 Anna was admitted to the Indiana bar.



#### **Daniel Bogatz**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Daniel received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA in 2010 and received his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 2013. Daniel is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Indiana, and the US Federal District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Daniel joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in 2020.



#### **L. Leona Frank**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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L. Leona Frank is a bankruptcy litigator in ARB, focusing on multi-jurisdictional Chapter 11 cases and taxes. She was in private practice for 19 years and has extensive experience in complex commercial litigation matters, including bankruptcy, banking, environmental, real estate, mass tort defense, corporate governance, and contract disputes. Leona currently serves as the IN Chair of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association's Bankruptcy Law and Procedure Committee. Leona is also a trained mediator, economist, and proud Hoosier native.





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### *Litigation – Asset Recovery & Bankruptcy*



#### **Lydia Ann Golten**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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After graduating from IUPUI with degrees in History and Economics, Lydia went on to the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, graduating in 2020 with her JD. In addition to her JD, Lydia holds an LLM in European Law from Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University. She joined the Attorney General's office in 2020 through the IDAG program. After completing the program, she joined the Administrative and Regulatory Enforcement Litigation Section in January 2021.



#### **Kyle Halbleib**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Kyle grew up in Carmel, Indiana and graduated from Indiana University with a BA in Political Science, with highest honors. He received his Juris Doctorate from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Kyle started with the Office of the Attorney General in January 2022 as an iDAG and is now a Deputy Attorney General for the Asset Recovery and Bankruptcy section.



#### **Josh Hollingsworth**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Josh Hollingsworth completed his undergrad degree from IU in 2013 and his law degree from IU McKinney in 2016. He became a DAG in 2017. He enjoys traveling with his wife Lauren, watching TV shows (The Wire is the greatest show of all time), reading, and playing with his cats Howard and Herbert.



#### **Dane Kurth**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Dane joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in early 2023, as a Deputy Attorney General in the Asset Recovery & Bankruptcy Litigation Section. He came to this Office with fifteen years of litigation experience in criminal prosecution and private practice. Of note, Dane served the State of Indiana as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with Marion County and Hamilton County



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### *Litigation – Asset Recovery & Bankruptcy*



#### **Jon LaFollette**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Jon LaFollette is an Indianapolis native who transitioned into the legal field in 2017 after a career in sports writing. He covered events that ranged from high school football to the Indianapolis 500. He previously worked at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office and the State Public Defender Agency.



#### **Marielle B. Riedle**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Marielle Riedle graduated from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2007 after earning her bachelor's degree from Barnard College, Columbia University in 2004. Upon graduating from law school, she joined the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, where she has had extensive litigation and trial experience. In April 2019 she began her time at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, continuing her role in litigation, in the Asset Recovery and Bankruptcy Division.



#### **James Brian Steele**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Brian Steele joined the asset recovery and bankruptcy section in 2020. Mr. Steele assists state agencies in probate and property litigation.



#### **Shana D. Tesnar**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Ms. Tesnar obtained her undergraduate degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, with a double major in English and political science. She received her law degree from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois.



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### ***Litigation – Asset Recovery & Bankruptcy***



### **Laura Wagner**

#### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Laura is a native of the northern suburbs of Indianapolis and always wanted to be an attorney. She is a recent graduate of Saint Louis University where she served as the SBA Vice President of Philanthropy and was a member of the Jessup International Moot Court Team! Laura is the youngest of two sisters and is a proud cat mom and corgi aunt! In her free time she likes to travel, read, hang out with friends and family.



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### ***Litigation – Government***



#### **Adrienne N. Pope**

##### **Section Chief of Government Litigation**

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Adrienne was born and raised in Michigan. She lives downtown with her husband and two rescue dogs. In her free time, she enjoys touring National Parks and going to concerts.



#### **Alexander R. Carlisle**

##### **Assistant Section Chief of Government Litigation**

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Alex works in the Government Litigation Section, where he represents state agencies and officers in civil rights and employment claims before state and federal courts. Alex graduated cum laude from the IU McKinney School of Law in 2017. While in law school, he externed for the Indiana Supreme Court, clerked for the Johnson Superior Court, and was a member of the Indiana Law Review and named Order of the Barristers.



#### **Brandyn L. Arnold**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Brandyn Arnold practices in the Government Litigation Section, where he represents the State of Indiana and its agencies and employees in a wide range of litigation. Brandyn previously was a member of the Office's Intensive Deputy Attorney General Program and a law clerk for the Appeals Division. During law school, Brandyn interned for the Honorable Richard L. Young of the Southern District of Indiana and the Domestic Violence Bureau of the Queens District Attorney's Office.



#### **Benjamin Cardwell**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Ben joined the Office of the Attorney General in October 2024. Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General, Ben worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office for six years, primarily prosecuting Major Felony Drug and Gun crimes.



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### ***Litigation – Government***



#### **Abigail Davis**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Abigail Davis is a Deputy Attorney General in the Government Litigation Section. She joined the Indiana Office of the Attorney General in 2023, after receiving her J.D. from Pepperdine Caruso School of Law and her Certificate of Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.



#### **Stephanie Davis**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Stephanie Davis joined the Office of the Attorney General in November of 2022 as a Deputy Attorney General in the Government Litigation Section. Stephanie graduated with her undergraduate degree from Valparaiso University in Business Management. She received her law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law.



#### **Jonathan Freije**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Jonathan Freije practices in the Government Litigation Section of the OAG, where he defends state agencies and employees in civil lawsuits. He graduated from IU McKinney School of Law in 2023. While in law school, Jonathan externed for the Indiana Supreme Court and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.



#### **Emily Hoegler**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Emily Hoegler is a regent graduate from Regent University School of Law, where she served as Executive Editor of Law Review, competed with the Moot Court Board, and completed several internships that have developed skills in constitutional law, public policy, and legal advocacy. Emily is excited to apply her knowledge and experience to serve the public interest as a Deputy Attorney General.



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### ***Litigation – Government***



**Brandon Houser**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Brandon practices in the Government Litigation Section, where he represents the State of Indiana and its agencies and employees in a wide range of litigation before state and federal courts. He graduated cum laude from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2024. While in law school, Brandon externed for Judges Christine Talley Haseman and Geoffrey Bradley in the Monroe County Circuit Court, and Judge Dana Kenworthy in the Indiana Court of Appeals.



**Gustavo A. Jimenez**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Gustavo is a litigator in the office's Government Litigation Section. He defends the state, its agencies, and its employees in lawsuits involving employment law claims, constitutional claims, and state law tort claims. Gustavo has proven himself a successful litigator with extensive experience at all stages of litigation, including successfully trying cases to verdict. Gustavo is originally from California but is now a proud Hoosier. Gustavo is licensed to practice in both Indiana and Illinois.



**Allison Mauk**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Allison joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in August 2023. She received her undergraduate degree from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Human Services in 2020. She then attended the University of Dayton School of Law and graduated cum laude. While in law school, Allison externed for the U.S. Southern District Court of Ohio and was a member of law review as well as a Dean's Fellow.



**Kate Meltzer**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Kate serves in the Government Litigation Section, representing state agencies and officials in state and federal court. She previously worked in the Office's Asset Recovery and Bankruptcy Division as a paralegal throughout law school and at State Board of Accounts. Kate graduated from IU McKinney School of Law, where she was named to Order of the Barristers and received a best brief award through Indiana State Bar Association.



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### ***Litigation – Government***



#### **Alexander Myers**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Alex Myers is a Deputy Attorney General for the Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita. Alex has always been drawn towards public service and is excited to start his career litigating in courts across the Hoosier State. With a passion for litigation and trial strategy he is ready to represent both the great people, and the great State, of Indiana.



#### **Thomas Pratt**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Thomas enjoys the challenges of civil litigation and advocating for the State of Indiana. Thomas enjoys being outdoors and staying active, as well as traveling and visiting new places.



#### **David Price**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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David Price joined the office as an Intensive Deputy Attorney General in August of 2022. He began his higher education at Purdue University's West Lafayette campus, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts studying economics and philosophy. He then attended and earned his Juris Doctor from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. His prior legal experience includes interning at the Clinton County Prosecutor's Office. David currently lives with his family in Carmel, Indiana.



#### **Steven Reidell**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Steven Reidell practices in the Government Litigation Section, where he represents the State of Indiana along with its agencies and employees in a wide range of litigation. Steven previously was a member of the Office's Intensive Deputy Attorney General Program and a law clerk for the Asset Recovery and Bankruptcy Section. Steven graduated from Wabash College in 2020 and the Indiana Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2023.



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### ***Litigation – Government***



**Erica L. Sawyer**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Erica Sawyer joined the Office of the Attorney General in 2021. She is currently a litigator in the Government Litigation Section. She handles a variety of cases from Constitutional violations, prisoner litigation, and civil rights cases in State and Federal Courts. Prior to beginning her career in public service, Erica spent several years practicing criminal and appellate law and argued in front of the Indiana Supreme Court.



**Jake Zurschmiede**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Jake joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in May 2021 as a law clerk in the Real Estate Litigation section. After earning his JD from IU McKinney, where he served as an executive editor on the Indiana Health Law Review, Jake rejoined the office as a DAG in Government Litigation.





## Office of the Indiana Attorney General

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### ***Litigation – Real Estate***



#### **Thomas Bright**

##### **Section Chief of Real Estate Litigation**

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Tom grew up in Westfield, Indiana. During law school at the University of Iowa he worked at the US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa. He practiced in Dubuque, Iowa in estate administration, real estate, estate planning, and guardianships until he joined the Attorney General's office in 2023. He lives in Franklin with his wife, children, and cat.



#### **Caroline Bundy**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Caroline Bundy joined the Office of the Attorney General in June of 2024. She previously served as an Assistant Attorney General in Missouri, practicing in areas of Workers' Compensation, special prosecution, and administrative law. Caroline earned her J.D. at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.



#### **Amanda Martin-Nelson**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Amanda's interest in state law began with her first legal internship with the Indiana Department of Child Services. After clerking in the Appeals team of the Attorney General's Office, she was admitted as an IDAG in the fall of 2024 and shortly after was offered a Deputy Attorney General position in the Real Estate Litigation Section.



#### **Joshua Mireles**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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After graduating from Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, FL, Joshua Mireles joined the OAG as an iDAG in August of 2023. Before attending law school, Joshua earned a B.A. from Wyoming Catholic College and taught math at a charter school in central Texas. Joshua currently serves as a Deputy Attorney General in the Real Estate Section of the Litigation Division. He lives in central Indiana with his wife and two boys.



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### *Litigation – Real Estate*



### **Jeffrey L. Simnick**

#### **Senior Deputy Attorney General**

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Mr. Simnick has extensive experience in litigation and mediation involving condemnation and other real estate matters for INDOT and DNR. He has been involved in civil cases in almost all the 92 counties in the State of Indiana. He became a Certified Mediator and serves as an Assistant Trainer for ICLEF. He is admitted to practice before the Indiana Court of Appeals, the Indiana Supreme Court, and the United States District Court.



## Office of the Indiana Attorney General

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### **Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**



#### **Jessica Krug**

##### **Deputy Director of the Medicaid Control Fraud Unit**

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Jessica Krug joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General in January 2012 and is currently the Deputy Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. She has served in both the Licensing Enforcement and Homeowner Protection Unit and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Jessica is assigned to criminal, civil, and administrative matters including cases regarding allegations of violations in the different healthcare professions. Prior to the OAG, Jessica worked as a Staff Attorney at the Indiana Dept. of Child Services. She is a graduate of Indiana University-Bloomington and Northeastern University School of Law.



#### **Amanda Cassidy**

##### **Section Chief of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**

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Amanda joined the Attorney General's Office in 2012 and litigated administrative licensing cases for eight years before transitioning to a team leadership role in 2020. In 2022, Amanda left the office to work in compliance in the pharmacy benefits management industry. In 2024, Amanda returned to the office as Section Chief of the MFCU Licensing Section. Amanda also serves on the Maurer School of Law Latino Alumni Advisory Board.



#### **Hilary L. Brown**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Hilary started with MFCU in November 2019. Prior to that she spent eight years working as a Deputy Prosecutor in the Marion County Child Support Division. Hilary attended law school at The Catholic University of America and is a graduate of the Communications Law Institute. She was a member of the law review, the National Telecommunications Moot Court team, and has a history of employment at a diverse range of organizations. Outside of the office, Hilary's priorities are her family and wildlife conservation.



#### **Lawrence J. Carcare II**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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By recovering fraudulently obtained public funds, Lawrence has protected the interests of Hoosiers during his more than 20 years of service. In actions ranging from a Civil RICO against a corrupt city government to False Claims Act cases against companies that use kickbacks to improperly influence Medicaid providers, he protects the taxpayers' hard-earned dollars.



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### **Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**



**Whitney Nicole Cooper**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Whitney has been a Deputy Attorney General with the Office since 2016. Within the Indiana MFCU, Whitney assists in investigations and represents the Office in licensing disciplinary matters before various licensing boards. Whitney is a Hoosier native, a two-time IU graduate, and a Purdue Extension Master Gardener. Outside of work, Whitney spends her time playing with her dogs, gardening, and exploring the outdoors.



**Christopher Ferguson**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Chris graduated law school in 2008 and has been practicing for over 15 years, with most of his career focused on litigation and real estate. Chris was previously employed by the OAG from 2011 to 2015 and has spent 9 years in private practice before rejoining the OAG.



**Robin Gillman**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Robin Gillman received her BA degrees in History and Criminal Justice from IU Bloomington and her JD degree from the University of Dayton School of Law. After graduating law school, Robin worked in the Appeals Division of the office where she represented the State of Indiana in criminal and civil appeals in both the Indiana Court of Appeals and 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Robin then joined the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office where she held various positions, with a specific focus on juvenile law. She is excited to return to the Indiana Attorney General's Office.



**Jeremy Johnson**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Jeremy began as a Deputy Attorney General with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in 2022, primarily handling civil enforcement.



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### **Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**



**Maureen O'Donnell**  
Deputy Attorney General

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In her role as a criminal litigation attorney for MFCU, Maureen handles cases involving Medicaid Fraud, patient abuse, and drug diversion. Prior to joining the OAG, Maureen gained significant trial experience through her work as a Deputy Prosecutor in both Hendricks and Marion Counties, handling major felony sex crimes and murder cases. Maureen is a lifelong Hoosier, who loves to play the piano and spend time with friends and family.



**Kyle Sprunger**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Kyle grew up in Indianapolis and graduated from Bishop Chatard High School. He completed his undergraduate education at Indiana University, with degrees in History and Environmental & Sustainability Studies. Kyle received his JD from Indiana University's law school in Indianapolis and was admitted to the Indiana Bar.



**Natalie R. Stidd**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Natalie Stidd began as a Deputy Attorney General with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in March 2020. From October 2008 to June 2019, Natalie was a DAG, first with the Licensing Enforcement & Homeowner Protection Unit, where she had been a law clerk, then serving in Medical Licensing. Natalie briefly served as a Senior Staff Attorney with the Indiana Department of Correction prior to returning to the OAG.



**Georgeanna Teipen**  
Deputy Attorney General

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Georgeanna Teipen has spent 24 years working for Indiana government including 4 years previously at the Indiana Attorney General's Office and 20 years as a deputy prosecuting attorney. She has spent the last seventeen years prosecuting crimes in the specialized area of crimes against women and children. As a litigator, Georgeanna has completed over 75 jury trials as lead or co-counsel with most cases as the sole prosecutor trying the case.



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### ***Solicitor General***



#### **Jeanna Lorence**

##### **Deputy Solicitor General**

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Jenna Lorence handles constitutional challenges and key litigation to further state interests. Before joining the office, she served as an Assistant Solicitor General for Kentucky and practiced in the Appeals and Major Motions group at a national law firm. She clerked for the Honorable Allison Jones Rushing of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.



#### **John Vastag**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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John Vastag joined the office in August 2024 after serving as a law clerk in the SG division in Summer 2023. He graduated cum laude from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2024, where he was Editor-in-Chief of Maurer's flagship law journal, the Indiana Law Journal, and was appointed to the Order of the Barristers. He also received his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Ball State University in 2021.



#### **Katelyn Doering**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Katelyn Doering joined the Solicitor General Division in September 2023. She graduated cum laude from Notre Dame Law School in 2022, where she was on the editorial board of the Notre Dame Law Review. She has prior experience in both federal and state government. Before joining the OAG, Katelyn worked as an associate attorney at a law firm in Indianapolis, where she focused on civil litigation.



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### ***Legislative & Policy***



#### **Jerry Smith**

##### **Special Counsel**

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Jerry joined the OAG in March 2024. He has practiced law for over 15 years, primarily at Jerry E. Smith, Attorney CPA, PC. Prior to practicing law, Smith was a cost accountant at Dow Chemical and a financial analyst and internal auditor at Thomson Consumer Electronics, where he led several multi-million-dollar cost saving initiatives and IT system improvements. Mr. Smith graduated with High Distinction from IU Kelley School of Business at Indianapolis and earned his Juris Doctorate from IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law.



#### **Joshua David**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Joshua J. David graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law in May of 2023. While in law school, Josh worked as a Law Clerk for the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. Josh graduated in May of 2020 from Purdue University with bachelor's degrees in both Philosophy and Political Science. Josh previously served as a Congressional Intern for the United States Senate and as a Legislative Intern for the Indiana House of Representatives.



#### **Kenneth Sondik**

##### **Deputy Attorney General**

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Ken has represented clients in jury trials and has provided estate planning and business law advice. His commentary on varied topics, including immigration enforcement and "sanctuary cities", the NLRB, Second Amendment issues, the disastrous school shutdowns, and junk science in anti-pesticide activism, has been published by The Washington Examiner, The American Spectator, Forbes, The New York Times, The Federalist, and Real Clear Politics. He and his family live in Zionsville, Indiana.



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### **Outreach**



#### **Paula Copenhaver**

##### **Director of External Affairs**

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Paula is the Northwest Central Outreach Representative and former Fountain County Clerk. While teaching others about the US Constitution for the last 10+ years, Paula frequently asked "If we don't know our rights, how can we defend them?" She enjoys handing out the pocket edition of the Indiana State Constitution educating constituents on the Office of the Attorney General. Paula has a passion to serve with a smile, has homeschooled her five children, and enjoys being a Nana.



#### **John Cannon**

##### **Deputy Director of External Affairs**

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John Cannon is a former City Councilman and Former Mayor of the City of Portage. John has two dogs, Baxter, and Oakley. John enjoys boating and fishing. John cherishes his family!



#### **Parker Fletcher**

##### **Outreach Representative**

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Parker Fletcher was born and raised in Scottsdale Arizona. He's had a life-long interest in history and began paying attention to politics and government during his senior year of high school. After graduating from high school, he moved to Syracuse Indiana and attended Ball State University where he was awarded a master's degree in political science.



#### **Janice McHenry**

##### **Outreach Representative**

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Deciding retirement was not for her, Janice McHenry joined Attorney General Todd Rokita's Outreach Team. Leaving her career in elementary education when elected to the Indianapolis City-County Council, she worked hard serving her constituents, volunteered in the community, and encouraged others to get involved. Janice and her husband, Fred, enjoy many things, their favorite traveling both near and far. Working for the Attorney General is ideal, as she gets to serve the people in communities.