

Department of Law: Civil Division

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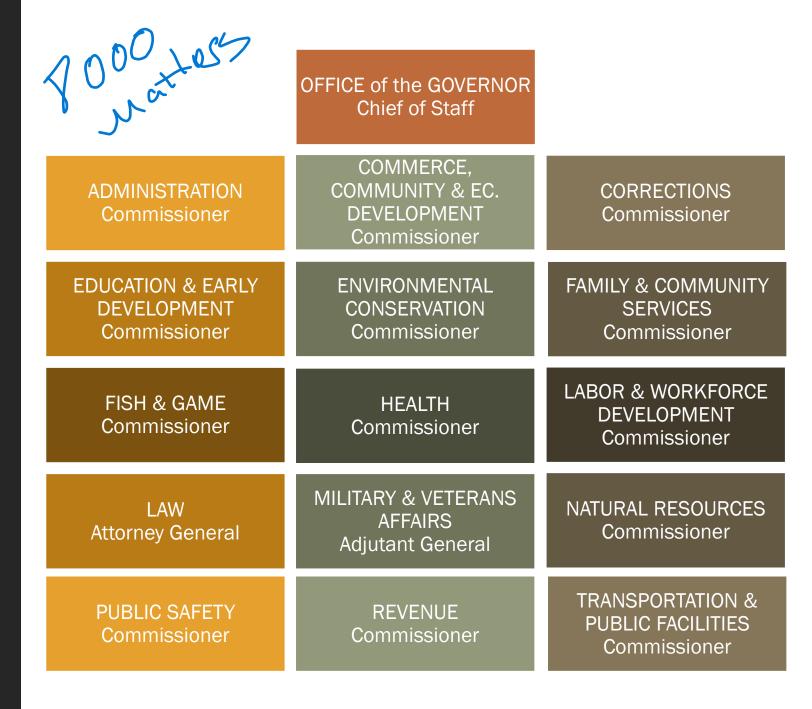
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What do you mean by "state government?"

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http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/docs/pdf/handbook.pdf



- Protecting Alaskans' safety and financial well-being
- Fostering conditions for responsible development of our natural resources
- Protecting the fiscal integrity of the State; and
- Promoting good governance

CORE SERVICES CIVIL DIVISION

Civil Division Structure

STATEHOOD DEFENSE & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

PROTECTIVE LEGAL SERVICES

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

TORTS AND OTHER CIVIL DEFENSE LITIGATION

LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Natural Resources



Dept. of Fish & Game

Represents state interests in statehood defense, natural resource management & development, fish & game management



Dept. of Natural Resources

Dept. of Revenue

Ensures the state receives its appropriate share of O&G tax royalties

Transportation



Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

Represents DOT&PF on construction & operation of public facilities & development projects

Environmental



Represents the state's interest in clean water & air matters, hazardous waste discharge cases, and cleanup costs & recovery

Statehood Defense & Resource Development

Human Services



Alex Hildebrand

Dept. of Health
Dept. of Family &
Community Services
Protection of
vulnerable adults

Child Protection



Office of Children's Services (OCS) Child in Need of Aid (CINA)

Carla Erickson

Commercial & Fair Business



Professional licensing

Public utilities

Alcohol and marijuana sales

Child support recovery

Regulatory Affairs & Public Advocacy



Protects the Alaskan public interest in public utility and pipeline proceedings before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Protective Legal Services

Opinions, Appeals, & Ethics



Jessie Alloway

Defends the state in federal and state appellate courts, including Child in Need of Aid (CINA) appeals Public Corps. & Government Svcs.



Bill Milks

Represents unique state entities like public corporations, retirement systems, state health plans, and the Dept. of Education & Early Development

Special Litigation



Margaret Paton-Walsh

Handles high-profile, expedited & complex litigation

Constitutional challenges & elections matters

Enforces Alaska antitrust laws

Labor & State Affairs



Governor & Lt. Governor's offices

Division of Elections

Departments of: Administration, Labor & Workforce Dev.; Military & Vet. Affairs

Government Services

Legislation & Regulations



Rebecca Polizzotto

Oversees all legislative drafting, coordinates review of proposed & enacted legislation, oversees regulations projects for all state agencies

Professional Dev. & Public Service



Jessica Leeah

Oversees all internship, externship and fellowship programs. Works on recruitment efforts and training opportunities.

Government Services

Torts



Workers' Comp & Corrections

Provides advice & defense to state agencies in tort suits

Defends the state as an employer in workers' compensation claims Provides advice & defense to the Dept. of Corrections in civil suits

Torts & Other Civil Defense Litigation

Information & Project Support



ProLaw & Admin

Advises agencies on the management, sharing, retention, and disclosure of information Management, training, and maintenance of statewide data management and processing systems

Legal Support Services

State Fiscal Preservation

Examples of FY2023 Revenue Generation and Protection

Human Services

- \$2M in awards for reimbursements for Medicaid Third-Party Liability
- \$6,708 in annuity collections for TPL
- \$518,629 in Medicaid Estate/Trust recovery
- \$594,289 in Medicaid audit settlements and judgements
- \$333,547 in recovery of Medicaid expenditures from post-conviction litigation

Natural Resources

- Collected \$1.4M in damages associated with sinking of Faulkner Walsh's barge *The Delta Chief*

Public Corporations & Governmental Services

- Obtained \$25M (less attorneys' fees) in Allianz/APFC securities fraud settlement
- Saved ~\$80-86M annually in dismissal of U.S. Dept. of Education Impact Aid action

Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy

- \$6.2M in quantifiable consumer benefits in FY2022 for reduction in utilities costs
- An additional \$1.07M is anticipated in a pending case

Environmental

- \$1.8M in settlements and fines

Thank you

ANY QUESTIONS?