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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

What we do

At the Colorado Department of Law, we are committed to serving as the “People’s Lawyer.” Our vision for this role is: Together, we serve the people of Colorado, advancing the rule of law, protecting our democracy, and promoting justice for all.

To guide how we implement this vision, we champion four core values—we are principled, public servants who are innovative and better together.

Who we are

The Attorney General and the Department of Law represent and defend the legal interests of the people of the State of Colorado and its sovereignty. The attorney general has primary authority for enforcement of consumer protection and state antitrust laws, prosecution of criminal appeals and certain complex white-collar crimes, training and certification of peace officers, and many natural resource and environmental matters. The Department is comprised of the following sections and offices:

- **Civil Litigation & Employment Law Section:** Represents state agencies, including the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Department of Corrections, and employees in administrative, state, and federal courts, and prosecutes civil rights violations in administrative and state courts in addition to providing general employment advice.
- **Consumer Protection Section:** Protects Colorado consumers and businesses by enforcing state and federal laws designed to maintain a fair and competitive business environment while protecting consumers from being targets of fraud. The Consumer Protection team investigates corporate fraud, false claims, and Medicaid fraud. This section also protects civil rights including fair housing, and workers’ rights, as well as bringing actions against patterns and practices of civil rights violations for government authorities.
- **Criminal Appeals Section:** Represents the people of the State when defendants challenge felony convictions in the state and federal appellate courts.
- **Criminal Justice Section:** Assists local prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the state on matters that occur in more than one local jurisdiction, including presenting cases to the Statewide Grand Jury and serving as special district attorneys in local counties upon request, in addition to investigating insurance and securities fraud.
- **Natural Resources and Environment Section:** Protects our land, air, and water by working together with client agencies to manage our natural and wildlife resources, protect and improve the quality of Colorado’s natural environment, and by defending Colorado’s interests in its interstate river compacts.
- **Revenue & Regulatory Law Section:** Provides litigation and general counsel support to the Department of Revenue, the Property Tax Administrator and Property Tax Division within the Department of Local Affairs, Department of Regulatory Agencies, and the Public Utilities Commission trial staff.
- **State Services Section:** Provides representation to eight of sixteen executive branch principal Departments and Colorado’s five statewide elected public officials: the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and State Board of Education.
- **Division of Community Engagement:** Serves as Coloradans’ open door to the Department. The division builds relationships and establishes meaningful dialogue across Colorado to truly hear the needs, ideas, and voices of the people of our state.



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DEFENDING AND SERVING THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO

Dear Fellow Coloradans,

It is my privilege to share the 2024 Annual Report of the Colorado Department of Law, highlighting our work to defend the rule of law, protect Coloradans, enhance public safety, and safeguard Colorado's land, air, and water.

We have continued our commitment to engaging with communities throughout Colorado, holding events in 27 counties and completing visits to every county during my second term. Listening to Coloradans remains central to our work, shaping our focus on consumer protection, public safety, youth mental health, addressing the opioid crisis, and protecting our land, air, and water. As part of our efforts to reach all communities, we launched a statewide initiative to support Latino and Hispanic communities, and expanded access to services, increasing Spanish-language consumer complaint processing by 71%.

With consumer complaints up 30% over the last year, we took aggressive action to protect Coloradans from fraud and deceptive practices. Since taking office, we have secured over \$550 million in refunds, restitution, credits, and debt relief for Colorado consumers. This year, we held corporations accountable for deceptive practices, securing settlements with wireless carriers, Marriott, and Johnson & Johnson, while taking action against predatory lenders and fraudulent debt collectors. We also fought back against monopolistic practices, stopping the Kroger-Albertsons merger, challenging Google's search monopoly, and ensuring fair competition in the tech, entertainment, and health care industries.

We also focused on supporting Colorado families and communities through grant funding that delivered real impact. A \$3 million investment in food security—supported by funds from a settlement with Walmart related to their deceptive pricing—delivered five million pounds of food across 92% of Colorado, while \$500,000 in diaper assistance provided essential supplies to 60,000 families. Our opioid response efforts have now secured over \$871 million for Colorado in settlement funds, with \$110 million already distributed to build and sustain treatment, prevention, and recovery programs. A new expenditure dashboard now ensures full transparency on how these funds are used to save lives.

Our work to protect public safety included prosecuting fraudulent contractors, those undermining the integrity of our elections, and organized crime rings, as well as strengthening law enforcement training and oversight. In the last year, Safe2Tell received a record 28,218 reports, with many related to mental health concerns, bullying, and threats of suicide, highlighting the urgent need for stronger support systems. To address this, we made significant investments in school-community partnerships and prevention programs to ensure more students have access to the help they need.

Protecting Colorado's land, air, and water remain central to our mission. This year, we took action against polluters like Suncor, defended Colorado's water rights, and led efforts to address forever chemicals contaminating our water. We also fought to uphold federal methane regulations, ensuring strong protections for our air and climate.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to defending the rule of law, standing up for consumers, and serving the people of Colorado. Thank you for your trust and support.



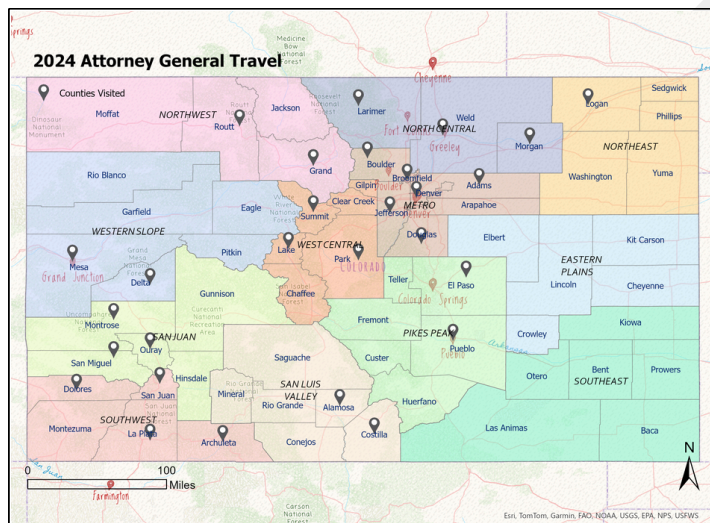
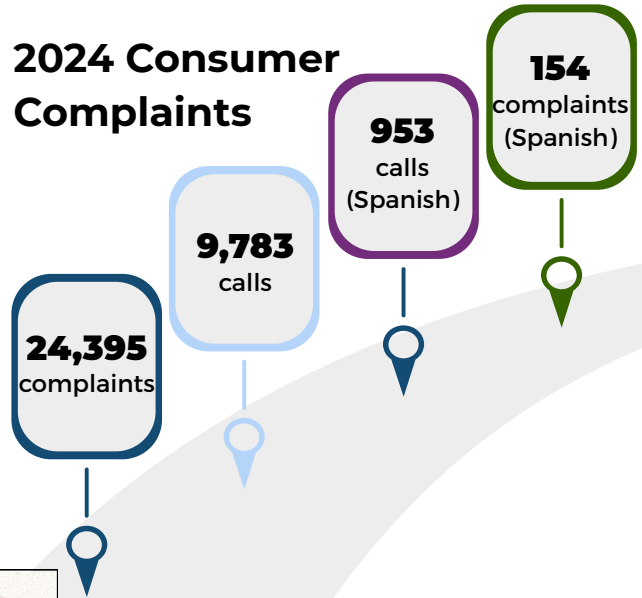
Phil Weiser, Colorado Attorney General

ENGAGING COLORADO

At the Colorado Department of Law, our values are rooted in public service. And in 2024, we honored our commitment to engaging directly with communities across the state. Attorney General Phil Weiser prioritized statewide outreach, holding events in 27 of Colorado's 64 counties and visiting every county during his second term. These visits provided invaluable opportunities to hear directly from Coloradans, ensuring that our work remains responsive to the needs of the people we serve.

Through listening sessions, stakeholder meetings, and school district visits, these engagements informed and raised awareness around priorities and programs related to youth mental health and school safety, consumer protection, public safety, workforce development, rural resiliency, opioid response, and environmental protection.

2024 Consumer Complaints



Attorney General Weiser held events in 27 of Colorado's 64 counties, visiting every county during his second term.

To strengthen support for underrepresented communities, the Department also launched Latino Unity for Community Engagement, or LUCE, a statewide forum to enhance and coordinate services for Colorado's Latino and Hispanic communities.

Youth wellness remained a priority, with the Attorney General visiting 11 school districts across Colorado—including in Sterling, Durango, Aurora, Louisville, and Poudre Valley. Conversations with students, educators, and district leadership reinforced the Department's commitment to safe and supportive learning environments.

By showing up, listening, and collaborating, we are building stronger, more connected communities across the state.

RECOGNIZING LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE

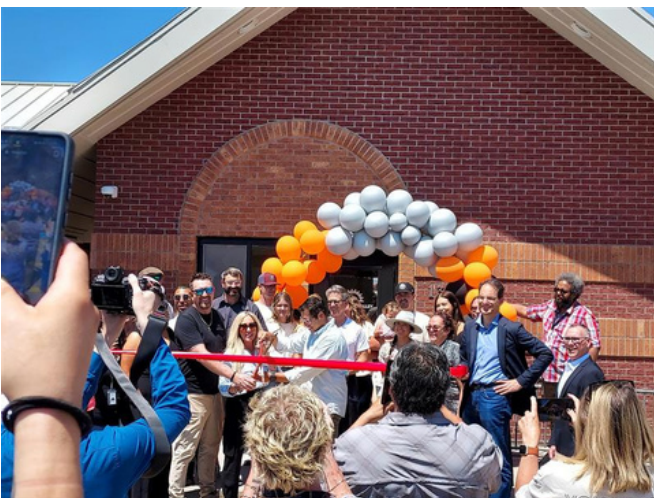
Attorney General Weiser's commitment to serving all Colorado communities was recognized by organizations across Colorado. In 2024, he was honored with several awards reflecting his dedication to youth empowerment, civil rights, rural communities, and economic innovation:

- **Champion of Youth** – Boys & Girls Clubs, for work to support, advocate and elevate Colorado's youth and future leaders.
- **Civic Champion** – Servicios de la Raza, for advancing civil rights in Colorado.
- **Ally of the Year** – Colorado LGBTQ+ Bar Association, for advocacy on behalf of LGBTQ+ Coloradans.
- **Partner of the Year** – Progressive 15, for championing issues vital to Northeastern Colorado.
- **Leader of Democracy** – League of Women Voters, for exceptional leadership and dedication to safeguarding Colorado's democratic processes.
- **Impact Award** – BEN Colorado, for empowering entrepreneurs and small businesses.

A Coordinated and Transparent Response

The Colorado Attorney General's Office has secured over \$871 million in opioid settlement funds to be used across the state through 2038, including over \$75 million in 2024 alone in settlements with Kroger, Publicis, and Hikma for their role in the opioid crisis. To date, more than \$110 million has been distributed to local governments, regions, infrastructure recipients, and state agencies to support treatment, recovery, prevention, harm reduction, and planning efforts.

To ensure full transparency and accountability, the Department launched an expenditure dashboard, tracking how every dollar is spent. Colorado leads the nation in oversight, collecting 100% of expenditure reports from all recipients and making them available to the public. [View the new Colorado Opioids Response expenditure dashboard \(opens new window\).](#)



Attorney General Weiser joins community leaders at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Hope in the Valley, a new rehabilitation center in the San Luis Valley made possible through opioid settlement funding.

Milestones in action

Attorney General Weiser's commitment to tackling the opioid crisis began before he took office. Almost eight years ago, while visiting the San Luis Valley, he learned that 90% of the county jail's population was struggling with opioid use disorder. This urgent need fueled his dedication to securing resources for affected communities.

That dedication became reality in July 2024, when Weiser returned to the San Luis Valley to celebrate the opening of its first substance use treatment center, Hope in the Valley. The work of the San Luis Valley Opioid Response Council stands as a model for the state's ongoing efforts.

\$312,857,251	AmersourceBergen CardinalHealth MEKESON
\$86,241,756	Walgreens
\$79,293,082	CVS
\$78,270,000	PURDUE
\$72,335,953	Johnson & Johnson
\$69,786,305	Kroger
\$65,040,485	teva
\$44,906,208	Walmart
\$35,831,849	Allergan an AbbVie company
\$9,926,054	McKinsey & Company
\$5,699,388	PUBLICIS HEALTH
\$5,533,225	Mallinckrodt
\$5,463,283	endo
\$871,184,839 received through 2038	

OPIOID ABATEMENT CONFERENCE

Collaboration remains a cornerstone of the fight against opioids. The 3rd Annual Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference drew over 400 attendees from all 19 Regional Opioid Abatement Councils, bringing leaders together to share best practices and forge long-term solutions.



Attorney General Weiser takes a selfie with attendees at the 3rd Annual Colorado Opioids Abatement Conference in Loveland, Colorado.



Empowering Students, Preventing Violence

Safe2Tell, housed in the Department of Law, is Colorado's anonymous reporting tool for students, parents, and community members to share safety concerns. Reports can be submitted by calling 1-877-542-7233, visiting Safe2Tell.org, using the Safe2Tell mobile app, or texting S2TCO to 738477.

During the 2023-2024 school year, Safe2Tell received a record-breaking 28,218 reports, underscoring its growing role as a critical safety resource.

28,218

Safe2Tell reports during the 2023-2024 school year.

Of these reports, 3.5% were documented to have had some form of social media involvement

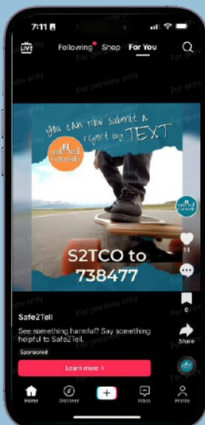


The new Gold Star program

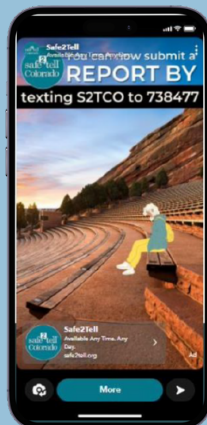
In fall 2023, Safe2Tell launched the Gold Star program to recognize schools that actively promote Safe2Tell education and outreach. Stargate Charter School became the first Gold Star School in March 2024, joined by Prairie Crossing Elementary, CEC Early College, Yuma Middle School, and Aspen Country Day School.

DIGITAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

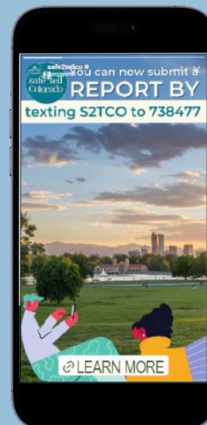
To expand its reach, Safe2Tell launched a digital awareness campaign in spring 2024 across Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, Spotify, and streaming platforms such as Hulu, Peacock, and Disney+. The campaign also targeted teens and parents with banner ads on popular websites and digital posters in schools. Messaging highlighted Safe2Tell's new text short code and addressed a common misconception by clarifying how the Safe2Tell reporting process works from beginning to end. The campaign reached nearly four million Colorado students and parents, generated 32,160 clicks, and exceeded all performance goals.



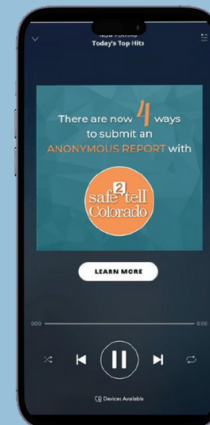
Tiktok



Snapchat



Instagram



Spotify

GRANTING & PARTNERSHIPS

Investing in Colorado's communities

The Colorado Department of Law continued investing in programs that strengthen communities, improve youth well-being, and enhance financial stability across the state.

Combating youth vaping

In July 2024, the Department awarded \$17.4 million to address the youth vaping crisis. In partnership with the Colorado Department of Education, \$11.4 million went to 29 local education providers for prevention, education, and behavioral health programs. The remaining \$6 million supported government entities and nonprofits working to reduce youth vaping through community-based initiatives.

**Expanding financial empowerment**

In January 2024, the Department awarded \$3 million to ten organizations to expand access to free financial coaching and counseling services. These grants, led by the Office of Financial Empowerment, focused on increasing financial literacy and stability, particularly in underserved communities.

► IMPACT OF THE FOOD ACCESS GRANT

In late 2023, the Department invested \$3 million to fight food insecurity and increase access to essential supplies for families across Colorado. This grant delivered measurable results, helping food banks, pantries, and diaper assistance programs provide relief to those in need. In 2024, grant recipients distributed nearly five million pounds of food, reaching 92% of the state. An additional \$500,000 supported diaper assistance programs, delivering critical supplies to 60,000 Coloradans.

FOOD ACCESS & DIAPER GRANT

\$3 million invested in Colorado communities in 2024

59,596
families received
diapers & supplies

±5 million
pounds of food helped
Coloradans fight hunger

CDHS diaper programs,
\$500,000

17%

Other food banks
& pantries, \$500,000

17%

CDHS food bank &
pantry programs,
\$2 million

66%

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Investing in the next generation

Further grant funds will be used to support youth mental health beyond the vaping prevention grants. In June 2024, the Department announced an initiative to support school-community partnerships that increase protective factors and promote student wellbeing and mental health. These grants will help schools and local organizations collaborate on holistic mental health solutions. Grantees will be selected by summer 2025 and convene in a Teaming Up for Youth summit co-hosted by the Denver Broncos Foundation at Empower Field at Mile High.



In September, Attorney General Weiser went to Mesa County D51 School District for a roundtable with Superintendent Dr. Brian Hill (pictured), educators, parents, and students about their new cell phone policy and campaign, aptly titled, "More Social, Less Media."



In June, Attorney General Weiser announced new grant funding for youth mental health at the Colorado Education Initiatives summer conference.

Cell phones in schools

The Department launched an opportunity to help schools address the impact of smartphones on students' learning environments, mental health, and academic performance. With nearly 95% of teenagers in the U.S. owning smartphones, the opportunity seeks to explore ways schools can reduce distractions while maintaining access for necessary functions like safety alerts, Safe2Tell, and medical situations. Grants were awarded to Aurora Public Schools, Denver Justice High School, Eastlake High School, Englewood Schools, Mesa County Valley School District 51, and Pueblo County School District 70 to launch pilot interventions.

► LEGAL ACTIONS TO PROTECT COLORADO'S YOUTH

In 2024, the Colorado Department of Law intensified efforts to hold social media companies accountable for their impact on youth mental health and supported Colorado legislation to reduce the harms of social media on youth.

Advocating for Surgeon General warnings

In September 2024, Attorney General Weiser co-led a bipartisan coalition of 42 attorneys general urging Congress to require Surgeon General warnings on algorithm-driven social media platforms. The coalition cited growing evidence that these platforms contribute to youth depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts through addictive features like infinite scrolling and constant notifications.

Holding social media companies accountable

Weiser led legal actions against TikTok and Meta for harmful practices affecting young users. In October 2024, he joined 22 attorneys general in seeking court enforcement against TikTok for failing to preserve and produce evidence in an ongoing investigation into its impact on youth mental health. The Department also continued the lawsuit against Meta, alleging that Facebook and Instagram violated the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act and other consumer protection laws by collecting data from users under 13 without parental consent, designed features that harm children and teens, and misrepresented the safety of its platforms to consumers.

DEFENDING THE RULE OF LAW

Defending the rule of law entails safeguarding the constitutional freedoms and principles of equality and justice that underpin our nation's foundation. The Colorado Department of Law is committed to ensuring all Coloradans are protected by the rule of law and treated fairly.

ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

► PRESERVING REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

In *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, the U.S. Supreme Court overruled the Chevron doctrine, a 40-year legal precedent that gave federal agencies authority to interpret ambiguous laws passed by Congress. Weiser warned that this decision creates regulatory uncertainty, increases costs, and weakens protections for public health, safety, and the environment.



“In this case, the Supreme Court appoints itself as the super regulator. The court says that it knows better than highly trained experts when it comes to protections for the air we breathe, the water we drink, public lands, worker safety, food and drug safety, public safety, disaster relief, public benefits, or any other regulation that affects American lives. As a result, it promises not only confusion, but also higher costs and greater harms.”

- Attorney General Weiser

► PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Attorney General Weiser welcomed the U.S. Supreme Court's unanimous decision in *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*, rejecting a lawsuit that sought to limit access to mifepristone, a medication used in abortion care. He reaffirmed Colorado's commitment to protecting access to safe reproductive health care despite ongoing national challenges. Additionally, following the Court's dismissal of *Moyle v. United States*, Weiser emphasized the state's dedication to ensuring medical providers can offer essential care without unnecessary restrictions.



► DEFENDING PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES

In *Garland v. Cargill*, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the federal rule banning bump stocks, devices that allow semi-automatic firearms to function like automatic weapons. Weiser said the decision increases the risk of mass shootings and puts law enforcement officers in greater danger.

► UPHOLDING INTERSTATE WATER COMPACTS

In *Texas v. New Mexico and Colorado*, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to approve a proposed agreement between the states regarding the Rio Grande River Compact, citing the need for further federal involvement. The Department remains committed to working with Texas and New Mexico to resolve the dispute and ensure fair water distribution.

► ADVOCATING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Weiser supports Eagle County's legal effort opposing the Uinta Basin Railway Project, citing potential environmental threats to the Colorado River and surrounding communities. He led an amicus brief asking the Supreme Court to uphold a lower court ruling that blocked the project due to significant risks to Colorado's mountain communities and the Colorado River posed by increased oil transportation.

► PROTECTING WORKERS' RIGHTS

Weiser joined a coalition advocating for fair wages for federal contract workers, emphasizing that those who serve the public deserve just compensation.

► DEFENDING DREAMERS AND THE DACA PROGRAM

Weiser's administration took action to protect Dreamers and the DACA program, highlighting their essential contributions to Colorado's economy and communities while fighting ongoing legal challenges that threaten their status.

► ENSURING FUNDING FOR CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

Recognizing the critical need for victim support services, Weiser joined a bipartisan effort urging Congress to stabilize funding for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund. The effort aims to prevent service disruptions for crime victims nationwide.

► REFORMING PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS

To improve transparency in prescription drug pricing, Colorado led a bipartisan effort advocating for pharmacy benefit manager reforms, seeking to lower drug costs and protect consumers from predatory practices.

► ADVOCATING FOR CANNABIS RESCHEDULING

Weiser urged the DEA to reclassify cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule III under the Controlled Substances Act. This effort aligns federal policy with state regulations and enhances public health and safety.

PROTECTING COLORADAN'S CIVIL RIGHTS & MORE



Attorney General Weiser listens to a constituent about their concerns at the footsteps of the Capital.

The Colorado Department of Law is boldly defending the rights of Coloradans by standing up to federal overreach—starting with efforts to protect birthright citizenship. The Department has taken decisive legal action against unlawful attempts to cut critical federal funding, undermine public health, roll back environmental protections, and restrict civil rights, including access to gender-affirming care. Each lawsuit reaffirms Colorado's commitment to the Constitution, the rule of law, and the fundamental values of equality and fairness. Colorado will not back down when its people, laws, or values are under threat.

IMPROVING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Law is committed to improving the criminal justice system and supporting law enforcement officers by prioritizing threats to public safety according to risk, acting in a data-driven manner, and working collaboratively to protect victims and public safety.

Through the work of attorneys and staff in the Criminal Justice Section, we collaborate with communities around the state to prosecute those who harm others, build better training in law enforcement, and support community safety.

PROTECTING COLORADANS FROM FRAUD

► FINANCIAL FRAUD IN 2024

The Department investigates and prosecutes insurance and securities fraud to protect consumers and uphold market integrity. In 2024, courts ordered \$4.29 million in restitution for securities fraud and \$449,709 for insurance fraud, ensuring victims receive compensation for financial crimes.

► COMBATING INSURANCE FRAUD

In 2024, the Department of Law aggressively pursued and prosecuted significant insurance fraud cases to protect consumers and maintain the integrity of insurance systems.

Auto insurance fraud scheme

Mastermind sentenced: Colette Palin, a former insurance claims adjuster, orchestrated a scheme that led to \$268,530 in fraudulent auto insurance claims. Between 2018 and 2020, she issued 64 fraudulent payments to herself and associates. In August 2024, through an action brought by the Department, she was sentenced to 20 years of probation and ordered to pay full restitution.

Accomplices sentenced: Two individuals who participated in the scheme also faced legal consequences. Malee Lor received 10 years of probation and 120 hours of community service in May 2024, while Shawn Brassfield was sentenced to eight years of probation and 80 hours of community service in July 2024. Both will pay restitution equal to the amount stolen.

Unemployment insurance fraud

Individual sentenced: A fraudulent scheme involving Medicaid and unemployment insurance benefits resulted in a 10-year probation sentence, 100 hours of community service, and nearly \$70,000 in restitution for one defendant in December 2024.

Pandemic-related fraud: A Commerce City man exploited the pandemic to file false unemployment insurance claims who took advantage of a program initiated by the Secretary of State's Office to lower the business filing fee to \$1. In January 2024, he was sentenced to three years in state prison under a plea agreement.

► DELIVERING JUSTICE FOR TARGETED THREATS

In April 2024, Brett Andrew Nelson was sentenced to 12 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections for crimes including extortion, forgery, and threatening several judges, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, attorneys, and citizens in Gunnison, Montrose, and Alamosa counties, filing fraudulent documents and attempting to manipulate legal proceedings. A jury convicted him on 20 of 24 counts, holding him accountable for his actions.



ENSURING SECURE ELECTIONS



In 2024, the Department of Law took decisive actions to uphold election integrity and protect voters from fraud and misinformation.

Prosecuting election fraud

Former Grand Junction Clerk and Recorder conviction and sentencing: In August 2024, a Mesa County jury convicted former Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Tina Peters on seven charges, including four felonies, for her role in compromising voting equipment security. The court sentenced her to nine years in prison, underscoring the severity of her actions.

Georgia man sentenced for petition fraud: In March 2024, a Georgia resident received a jail sentence and fines for submitting forged signatures to place a candidate on Colorado's 2022 Republican primary ballot, highlighting the Department's commitment to prosecuting election fraud.

Empowering voters with information and awareness

Advisory on voter intimidation and election worker protection:

In October 2024, the Department issued a public advisory reminding Coloradans of their right to vote free from intimidation and ensuring polling places remain secure. The advisory outlined legal protections for voters and detailed penalties for violations, including fines and imprisonment.

Addressing AI-generated misinformation: In September 2024, the Department warned voters about the potential use of artificial intelligence to create deceptive images, videos, and audio—known as "deepfakes"—aimed at misleading the electorate. A new law requires political campaigns to disclose the use of AI-generated content, with penalties for non-compliance.

Combating election-related robocalls: In February 2024, the Department joined a bipartisan coalition of 51 attorneys general in sending a warning letter to a company allegedly responsible for scam election robocalls during New Hampshire's primary election, underscoring a commitment to preventing deceptive practices that could undermine the electoral process.



► SENTENCING IN FORMER ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF TRAINING RECORDS FRAUD SCHEME

In 2024, legal proceedings concluded for former senior officials employed by the Adams County Sheriff's Office for falsifying state-mandated law enforcement training records.

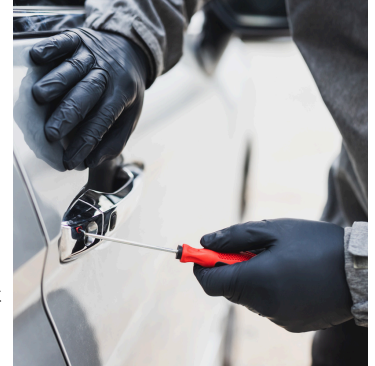
- **Former Sheriff Richard Reigenborn:** Pled guilty to felony forgery and two misdemeanors—second-degree forgery and first-degree official misconduct. Received a 12-month deferred sentence on the felony charge and a concurrent 12-month probation for the misdemeanors. Agreed to relinquish his state peace officer certification, rendering him ineligible to serve as a peace officer in Colorado.
- **Former Undersheriff Thomas McLallen:** Pled guilty to second-degree forgery and first-degree official misconduct, both misdemeanors. Sentenced to 24 months of supervised probation. Agreed to relinquish his peace officer certification and cooperated with prosecutors.
- **Former Division Chief Michael Bethel:** Pled guilty to felony forgery and two misdemeanors—second-degree forgery and first-degree official misconduct. Received a 24-month deferred sentence on the felony charge and a concurrent 24-month probation for the misdemeanors. Ordered to pay \$1,000 in fines and complete 100 hours of community service. Agreed to relinquish his peace officer certification.

These cases underscore the importance of integrity in law enforcement training and the consequences of violating public trust.

STOPPING ORGANIZED CRIME

In September 2024, a Larimer County District Court judge sentenced Rene Ruiz to 24 years in state prison for his involvement in organized auto theft and burglary rings operating across Colorado from 2020 to 2023. Ruiz facilitated the theft and sale of vehicles from private citizens, commercial dealerships, and automotive repair shops, and committed burglaries of several businesses, including ATMs, in the Denver area, Front Range, and Denver International Airport. He frequently used sophisticated programming devices to defeat anti-theft features on vehicles and coordinated the sale of vehicles for illegal delivery out of the country.

During motor vehicle thefts, Ruiz also eluded law enforcement and placed officers in danger of serious injury. The criminal organizations are believed to have stolen at least 365 motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, scores of catalytic converters, and firearms, with the aggregate value of vehicles involved exceeding \$8.3 million.



HOLDING CONTRACTORS ACCOUNTABLE FOR FRAUD

In 2024, Colorado authorities took action against contractor fraud, prosecuting individuals who exploited consumers through deceptive schemes and unsafe practices.

Tree-trimming scam targeting older adults

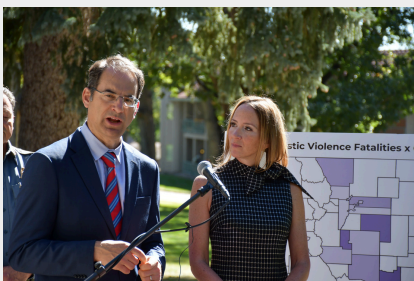
Joseph Tyler sentenced for defrauding older homeowners: Tyler received an eight-year prison sentence and was ordered to pay \$23,000 in restitution for running a fraudulent tree-trimming scheme. Between 2020 and 2022, he and his wife, Amelia Tyler, solicited home repair jobs, took payments, performed little to no work, and abandoned projects. At least 50 victims, many over 80 years old, lost money. Amelia Tyler cooperated with prosecutors, served a year in jail, and remains on probation.

Exploitation and environmental violations

Contractor sentenced for defrauding elderly homeowner and mishandling asbestos: A jury convicted Lance Slayton of criminal exploitation of an at-risk person, theft, and environmental crimes after he defrauded an 82-year-old woman out of \$70,000. He promised asbestos abatement and restoration services but failed to complete the work, instead hiring unlicensed laborers and mishandling hazardous materials, endangering workers and the public. In February 2025, a court sentenced him to 10 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

Co-defendant pleads guilty in environmental fraud case: Christina Beckner, Slayton's co-defendant, pleaded guilty to theft from an at-risk elder and recklessly causing a hazardous substance incident. She now awaits sentencing.

► ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES IN COLORADO



Attorney General Weiser at a press conference with Anne Markley, chief executive officer of TESSA, to announce the grant and the establishment of El Paso County's first local domestic violence review board.

In 2023, domestic violence-related fatalities in Colorado declined to 58 deaths, accounting for approximately 11% of all homicides in the state, according to the 2024 Annual Report from the Colorado Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board. This decrease aligns with pre-pandemic levels and marks a significant reduction from the previous two years.

To further combat domestic violence, the Department awarded a \$44,263 grant to TESSA, a leading organization supporting victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. This funding will support the establishment of El Paso County's first local domestic violence fatality review board over a two-year period. The board aims to enhance community safety, improve victim services, and reduce domestic violence-related fatalities by analyzing cases to identify systemic gaps and strengthen community responses.

These initiatives reflect Colorado's commitment to understanding and preventing domestic violence, ensuring safer communities statewide.

CRIMINAL APPEALS

The Criminal Appeals Section represents the state when defendants challenge their felony convictions in Colorado and federal appellate courts, always working to provide effective and ethical representation in all cases.

Cases handled by the section range from minor sentencing and post-conviction appeals to complicated white-collar crime, homicide, child abuse, and sexual assault cases. While most of the cases impact only the defendants and the victims directly involved, any given case may result in new published law decision having a significant impact on law enforcement procedures, criminal trials, and sentencing hearings, the Department of Corrections, or persons on probation, parole, or in county community corrections programs.

The Criminal Appeals Section attorneys are among the state's most experienced appellate advocates. In addition to their appellate litigation, they share their expertise in criminal law and appellate issues with the state's prosecutors and others through informal advice, presentations at meetings and training sessions, and case law updates to the Colorado District Attorneys Council.

Attorneys in the Criminal Appeals Section also comment on proposed legislation and serve on the Appellate Rules Committee and Criminal Rules Committee under appointments made by the Colorado Supreme Court.

BY THE NUMBERS IN 2024:

578 State Answer Briefs

60 Federal Habeas Answer Briefs

10 Reply / Supplemental Briefs

83 Oral Arguments

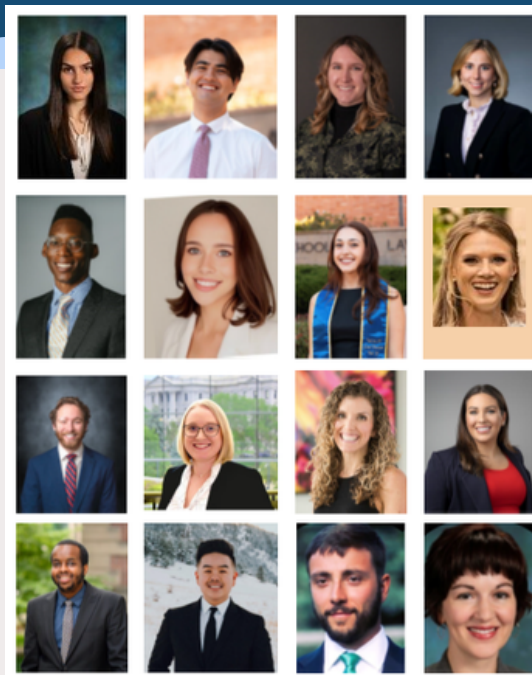
4 SCOTUS Briefs in Opposition

CARR FELLOWS

The Criminal Appeals Section provides recent law school graduates with the opportunity to work with some of the state's most experienced appellate lawyers and obtain extensive brief-writing experience at the outset of their legal careers through the innovative Ralph L. Carr Appellate Fellowships Program. Carr Fellows brief approximately 20 appeals each year and conduct several oral arguments.

Carr Fellows also work with the state Solicitor General in preparing briefs and oral arguments, working on multistate litigation, and advising Attorney General Weiser about a wide variety of federal and state constitutional issues.

Working in the Criminal Appeals Section offers Carr Fellows opportunities not always afforded to young lawyers, like working their own cases, writing briefs, and conducting oral arguments—thereby helping build a new class of qualified attorneys for public sector legal roles.





The Colorado POST Board documents and manages the certification and training of all active and reserve peace officers working for Colorado law enforcement agencies. The POST Board establishes state standards for peace officer training and certification that remain realistic, relevant, and responsive to modern community needs.

2024 Highlights:

- \$2.6 million in grant funds invested in rural and urban law enforcement communities with 106,034 officers trained through a grant program.
- Training excellence: 3,705 students took in person training and 110,827 students took online training.
- POST Staff certified 1,140 new peace officers, with 93 on provisional certification, 18 on reserve certification, and 24 renewing their expired Colorado POST certification.
- The certifications for 46 peace officers were revoked or suspended: 14 for untruthfulness violations, 10 for misdemeanors, and 11 for felony criminal matters. Eleven peace officers voluntarily relinquished their certification in lieu of the revocation process.

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PROTECTING CONSUMERS

The Consumer Protection Section led the charge in addressing deceptive and unfair business practices harming Coloradans.

PREVENTING HARM TO CONSUMERS AND MORE

► PROTECTING COLORADO CONSUMERS FROM UNFAIR & DECEPTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Blocking the Kroger-Albertsons merger

In February 2024, Colorado sued to block the \$24.6 billion Kroger-Albertsons grocery megamerger, arguing it would raise prices, cut jobs, and reduce competition. Additionally, the lawsuit challenges an illegal "no-poach" agreement between the companies during a 2022 King Soopers strike, when employee movement was a threat to King Soopers' operations.

The Colorado trial demonstrated how the merger would harm consumers and workers. In December 2024, a federal court issued a preliminary injunction, siding with the Federal Trade Commission and ruling that the deal would reduce competition and violate antitrust laws. Shortly after, Kroger and Albertsons canceled the merger.

While a Denver district court judge later ruled that the state's case is now moot, a ruling is still pending on the no-poach portion of the lawsuit, which seeks to hold the companies accountable for their alleged agreement as well as a claim that the companies also agreed not to solicit each other's pharmacy customers (in violation of state antitrust law).



Attorney General Weiser at a press conference with then US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announcing the new partnership at Denver International Airport. *Photo courtesy of Denver International Airport.*

New partnership enhances airline passenger protections

In April, Attorney General Weiser and former U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced a partnership to enhance airline passenger protections. This collaboration, formalized through a memorandum of understanding, enables the Colorado Attorney General's Office to investigate consumer complaints against airlines and ticket agents, working alongside the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Under this agreement, the Attorney General's Office will address complaints related to flight disruptions, refund issues, and baggage problems, referring unresolved cases to the DOT's Office of Aviation Consumer Protection for prioritized review. The DOT will also provide training and technical assistance to support these efforts.

HOLDING THOSE WHO COMMIT MEDICAID FRAUD ACCOUNTABLE

The Medicaid Fraud, Abuse & Neglect Unit took significant action against Medicaid fraud in 2024, prosecuting individuals and entities that exploited the system for personal gain, including:

Fraudulent Medicaid billing: Gulong Craft, 57, received an eight-year probation sentence and was ordered to pay \$122,441 in restitution after pleading guilty to felony Medicaid fraud. Between 2020 and 2023, he submitted falsified medical billing through his company, Craft Care, LLC, for services not rendered to patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Defrauding Medicaid and unemployment insurance: Danielle Martinez, 32, was sentenced to 10 years of probation and 100 hours of community service for defrauding the state's Medicaid and unemployment insurance systems. She illegally obtained payments from Medicaid while simultaneously claiming unemployment benefits, exploiting both systems for personal gain.

Home purchased with Medicaid fraud funds: Authorities secured proceeds from the sale of an Aurora home purchased by Muluemebet Tasew, 35, who allegedly obtained \$693,338 in Medicaid funds fraudulently through her company, AAA Personal Services. The recovered funds were returned to the state, and Tasew remains at large with active charges of Medicaid fraud and money laundering.

Colorado joins lawsuit against Regeneron

Pharmaceuticals: Colorado, along with five other states, filed a lawsuit against Regeneron Pharmaceuticals for allegedly inflating the amount state Medicaid programs paid for the eye medication Eylea. The company is accused of failing to report price concessions, resulting in millions of dollars in losses to the states.

These cases underscore Colorado's commitment to safeguarding the integrity of its Medicaid program and ensuring that resources are used appropriately to support those in need.



\$5,914,048.43

Civil judgements
ordered

\$6,108,182.83

Total restitution
and judgements
ordered

\$194,134.40

Criminal restitution
ordered



151 fraud cases and 25 patient abuse and neglect cases were opened in 2024.

► PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM PREDATORY LENDING & DEBT PRACTICES

Colorado continues to crack down on deceptive lending, illegal debt collection, and fraudulent debt relief schemes.

Debt relief scam: In January 2024, the Colorado Attorney General's Office, along with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau sued Strategic Financial Services for running a \$100 million debt-relief scam, charging excessive fees while providing little actual relief. The company allegedly used shell companies to disguise its operations, violating consumer protection laws.

Illegal high-interest loans: That same month, a settlement with TrueAccord halted the illegal collection of high-interest loans, some with APRs exceeding 500%, far above Colorado's 12% legal limit. The agreement required \$500,000 in refunds, and by March 2025, more than 1,600 affected consumers received restitution, averaging \$516 each.

Forcing compliance with the law: In February 2024, the Department secured a settlement with Prosper Marketplace, Inc., ensuring it complies with state lending laws and stops issuing loans above legal rate caps. Prosper also paid \$10,000 to support consumer protection efforts.

CHALLENGING MONOPOLIES & ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES



Banning anticompetitive contracts: Efforts to break up harmful monopolies gained momentum in November 2024, when Colorado and a coalition of states proposed remedies to restore fair competition in internet search. The plan would ban Google from engaging in anticompetitive contracts and require divesting Chrome and possibly Android to prevent market dominance.

Halting inflated ticket prices: The live entertainment industry also came under scrutiny. In May 2024, Colorado joined the U.S. Department of Justice and other states in an antitrust lawsuit against Live Nation Entertainment (Ticketmaster). The case alleges the company monopolized the live event industry, using exclusionary contracts and anticompetitive tactics that inflated ticket prices and reduced consumer choice.



Fairness for college athletes: Collegiate sports saw a major reform that same month. A landmark settlement with the NCAA permanently removed restrictions on Division I athletes transferring schools multiple times. By eliminating the one-year waiting period for competition, the agreement ensures fairness and mobility for student-athletes.

Ending price fixing on essential medications: Pharmaceutical companies also faced accountability. In October 2024, \$49.1 million in settlements were secured with Heritage Pharmaceuticals and Apotex after they were caught fixing prices on generic prescription drugs. The companies agreed to internal reforms to prevent further violations.



Fair competition in healthcare: In the healthcare sector, a February 2024 agreement dismantled a monopoly operated by U.S. Anesthesia Partners of Colorado (USAP). The settlement required divestitures and structural changes to lower health care costs and promote fair competition in the surgical anesthesia market.



Stronger "lemon" law protections now in effect for Colorado vehicle owners

The Department informed consumers about enhanced protections under Colorado's updated "lemon" law, which took effect in August 2024. The revised statute broadens coverage to include vehicles used by small businesses, extends protection duration to two years or 24,000 miles (whichever comes first), and reduces the threshold for a vehicle to be considered a lemon from four to three unsuccessful repair attempts for the same defect. Additionally, it lengthens the timeframe for filing claims to 30 months post-delivery and mandates clear labeling of "lemon buyback" vehicles to inform potential buyers. These changes aim to provide stronger safeguards for consumers against defective vehicles.

HOLDING BUSINESSES ACCOUNTABLE

Putting a stop to false advertising: Wireless carriers were also held accountable for misleading advertising practices. In May 2024, a \$10.25 million nationwide settlement was reached with major wireless carriers over false promotions for "free" phones and hidden fees in unlimited data plans. The agreement requires clearer advertising and consumer refunds.

Ensuring price transparency: In June 2024, Colorado reached a \$14 million legal settlement with Johnson and Johnson to ensure transparency about potential risks associated with its baby powder products, addressing consumer safety concerns.



Fraudulent business doesn't pay: Fraudulent business filings also threatened consumers and businesses. In September 2024, enforcement action was taken against Marcio Garcia Andrade, who submitted over 15,000 fraudulent business registrations using unauthorized Colorado addresses. These false filings posed risks to businesses and the public, allowing bad actors to misuse state records. Under the settlement, Andrade must dissolve these entities and pay \$75,000 in penalties and fees, ensuring the integrity of Colorado's business registry.

Ceasing solicitation scams: Deceptive business solicitations were also targeted. ANS Inc., operating as Workplace Compliance Services, sent misleading mailings to Colorado businesses, falsely implying they needed to pay unnecessary fees for compliance services. In June 2024, a settlement required ANS Inc. to issue refunds and cease deceptive solicitations, protecting business owners from scams disguised as official notices.



Suspending deceptive warranty advertising: Deceptive car warranty marketing was another focus of enforcement. In October 2024, legal action was taken against U.S. Atlantic Solutions LLC (Champion Car Warranty) for misleading consumers about extended auto warranties. False advertising about coverage terms led to financial losses for customers, prompting enforcement action.

Marriott International faced accountability on multiple fronts: In February 2024, Colorado settled with the company to require clear disclosure of resort fees in advertised room rates, ensuring transparent pricing. Later, in October 2024, Marriott agreed to a \$52 million multistate settlement following a data breach that exposed millions of guests' personal information. Colorado received \$822,434, and Marriott committed to strengthening cybersecurity measures.



► UPHOLDING RENTER'S RIGHTS

The Attorney General's Office also cracked down on unfair rental practices, ensuring tenants are treated fairly.

- **Ending illegal billing by property managers:** In January 2024, Four Star Realty reached a \$1 million settlement after a state investigation found it had illegally withheld deposits and charged tenants for routine repairs and non-disclosed fees. The settlement funds consumer restitution and requires business practice reforms to prevent future violations.
- **Challenging deceptive lease terms:** In September 2024, a brief filed with the Colorado Supreme Court argued that the Colorado Consumer Protection Act applies to rental agreements containing unlawful provisions. This action supports a lawsuit against Home Partners Holdings, which allegedly included illegal fees and deceptive lease terms, impacting countless tenants.
- **Fighting rent price-fixing schemes:** In August 2024, Colorado, along with the DOJ and other states, sued RealPage, Inc. for facilitating landlord collusion through algorithmic pricing software that inflated rents. In January 2025, the lawsuit expanded to six major landlords, including Greystar, Blackstone's LivCor, and Camden Property Trust, for their alleged role in artificially driving up rental prices nationwide.
- **Exposing hidden rental fees:** Also in January 2025, Greystar Real Estate Partners faced a lawsuit from Colorado and the FTC for charging undisclosed fees—including mandatory trash services, access devices, and alarm systems—which were not disclosed to renters until after they signed lease agreements. These hidden fees violated state and federal laws, significantly increasing rental costs.



PROTECTING OUR LAND, AIR, & WATER

Colorado's natural resources are vital to its communities, economy, and environment. The Department of Law continues to enforce environmental laws, defend critical protections, and advocate for policies that safeguard the state's land, air, and water.

LAND

DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HARM

► CLEANING UP WASTE

Efforts to hold polluters accountable led to significant enforcement actions in 2024. After years of noncompliance, the state pursued contempt sanctions against Asphalt Recovery Specialists (ARS) for failing to clean up a massive stockpile of waste shingles near a suburban neighborhood. Following two contempt actions, ARS was compelled to sell part of its property, funding the removal of 66,000 tons of waste across 3,040 truckloads, thereby eliminating a significant health hazard and ensuring long-term environmental compliance.

► ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY



Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.
Photo courtesy of US Fish & Wildlife Service.

At the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, legal action secured new pollution controls to further protect the public. The 27-square-mile site, heavily contaminated during WWII chemical weapons production and later pesticide manufacturing, was partially cleaned up and converted into a wildlife refuge. However, disputes over remaining contamination led Colorado to sue the federal government in 2017. A 2024 settlement grants the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) enforcement authority to prevent harmful exposure and ensure safe public use of the land.

AIR

Colorado strengthened its ground-level ozone management in 2024, with Air Quality Unit attorneys defending the state's plans against multiple legal challenges. Ground-level ozone, a major air pollutant, poses serious respiratory health risks. Attorneys provided legal counsel, defended regulatory decisions, and negotiated with the EPA to maintain Colorado's strategy for reducing emissions.

Taking a significant polluter to task

Air quality enforcement also targeted long-standing violations at the Suncor oil refinery in Commerce City, one of the state's most persistent polluters. The facility, located in one of Colorado's most pollution-burdened communities, has repeatedly failed to comply with air quality laws. In 2024, legal actions resulted in millions of dollars in penalties and new mitigation requirements aimed at reducing emissions and protecting public health.



Safeguarding effective methane emissions rules

In March 2024, Attorney General Weiser joined a multistate coalition to defend the EPA's Oil and Gas Methane Rule against legal challenges. This rule strengthens regulations on methane emissions from new, modified, and existing facilities in the oil and natural gas sector. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, and reducing its emissions is crucial for addressing climate change. By supporting the EPA's rule, Colorado reinforces its commitment to environmental protection.

SECURING A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

Colorado made significant progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and advancing clean energy. The Department's new Energy Unit partnered with the Colorado Energy Office to advocate for stronger utility regulations, ensuring that gas and electric providers contribute to emissions reductions.

In 2024, the Public Utilities Commission approved Xcel Energy's Clean Energy Plan, which targets an 83% reduction in emissions from electric generation by 2030. Additionally, the Clean Heat Plan set a goal of cutting emissions from the gas utility system by 22%, incentivizing building electrification, methane recovery, and energy efficiency improvements.

To further reduce emissions from transportation, the office helped expand incentives for fleet electrification and supported programs for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and purchase rebates for income-qualified customers.



WATER

PROTECTING COLORADO'S WATER

► COLLABORATING FOR THE BENEFIT OF COLORADANS

The Attorney General's Office took decisive steps to preserve water quality and safeguard Colorado's water supply. Following the U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 decision in *Sackett v. EPA*, which significantly weakened federal protections for streams and wetlands, the office collaborated with CDPHE to draft and pass House Bill 24-1379. Signed into law in May 2024, the bill established a state-level dredge and fill permitting program, closing the regulatory gap left by the Supreme Court ruling. This program ensures key water resources remain protected while allowing essential projects to proceed.

► SMART WATER RESOURCE STRATEGIES

Water resource litigation also secured a major victory. In November 2024, the Colorado Supreme Court upheld the state's authority to impose volumetric limits on groundwater withdrawals in *Parker Water Sanitation District v. Rein*. The ruling protects Denver Basin groundwater, a vital but nonrenewable water source, from overuse by reaffirming the State Engineer's ability to cap total withdrawals based on a 100-year supply limit.

► ADDRESSING PFAS CONTAMINATION

The Attorney General's Office continued to lead nationwide settlement negotiations with major PFAS manufacturers while expanding efforts to test, investigate, and remediate contamination across Colorado. PFAS, known as "forever chemicals," are linked to kidney and testicular cancer, high cholesterol, and thyroid disease. Studies indicate that 97% of people have PFAS in their blood, underscoring the urgency of addressing contamination. The state remains at the forefront of developing effective abatement strategies and holding polluters accountable for cleanup costs.



► PROTECTING COLORADO'S APPORTIONMENTS IN INTERSTATE RIVERS

Defending Colorado's water rights: Legal efforts to protect Colorado's water rights in major interstate river systems continued throughout 2024. Many basins, including the Colorado River, Rio Grande, and Arkansas River, face mounting pressures from drought, climate change, and competing downstream demands. Attorneys worked to preserve Colorado's legal water entitlements while advancing policies that balance state needs with cooperative water management efforts.

Protecting tribal water interests: The office also helped protect tribal water interests. In 2024, Colorado and other Upper Basin states signed a historic memorandum of understanding with tribal nations, establishing a new framework for collaborative decision-making on Colorado River management. This agreement strengthens tribal engagement in water governance, ensuring their legal water rights are safeguarded.



► SAFEGUARDING WILDLIFE AND HABITAT RESTORATION



Restoring and conserving wildlife habitat: Habitat restoration efforts received a boost from Natural Resource Damage settlements. In 2024, the state awarded \$1.2 million to Ducks Unlimited from a Suncor Oil Refinery settlement, funding riparian restoration projects across the South Platte River, Tamarack State Wildlife Area, and North Park. Additional habitat restoration projects were completed in the San Luis Valley, including improvements to the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge and Russell Lakes State Wildlife Area.

Balancing conservation and water needs: The Attorney General's Office also played a key role in extending critical species recovery programs in the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins. These multistate programs, involving Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and New Mexico, are essential to balancing endangered fish conservation with continued water development and use.

BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION

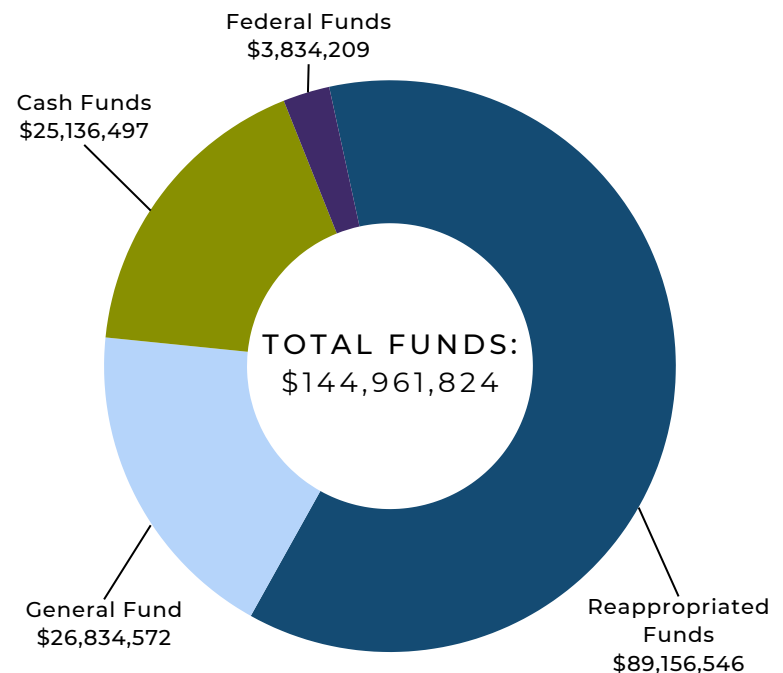
The Department pays for its operations through four main funds, which are designated for specific uses: general fund, cash funds, reappropriated funds, and federal funds. The Department has a \$145 million appropriated budget and approximately 700 employees.

GENERAL FUND

The General Assembly determines how state revenues are allocated to various state government agencies, including the Department of Law. The State General Fund supports Department employee positions in the following sections, units, offices, and programs:

- Division of Community Engagement/Safe2Tell;
- Special Prosecutions;
- Criminal Appeals;
- Medicaid Fraud;
- Federal Interstate and Water Unit;
- Patterns and Practices;
- and Consumer Protection Section

The Department also receives approximately \$2.9 million from the General Fund in pass-through funds to assist with district attorney salaries, \$350,000 for district attorney training, and \$600,000 for district attorney assistance for bond hearings grants. This pass-through funding mechanism is designated by state statute.



CASH FUNDS

Cash funds derive from sources such as fees and legal settlement dollars. These funds include money the Department received from settlements that has a specific purpose, such as when a consumer protection-related settlement specifies that money will be paid to the state for continued consumer protection efforts.

They also include funding for enforcing the Uniform Consumer Credit Code, regulating operations for the student loan servicer industry, the Colorado Peace Officers and Standards Board, insurance fraud, and other litigation and regulatory efforts.

REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

Reappropriated funds are funds appropriated, or designated for specific purpose, more than once in the same fiscal year and typically are transferred from one agency or budget line item to another.

The Department provides a variety of legal services for other state agencies, and these efforts operate out of a specific cash fund. As this money comes from other state agencies, these dollars and spending authority are considered "reappropriated" within the state budget system, as they are already counted prior to the Department receiving the funds. Additionally, the Department receives funds from the Department of Regulatory Agencies and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to fund securities fraud, mortgage fraud, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act efforts.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Administration Section are funded through indirect recoveries (overhead) on the Department cash funds and the Medicaid Fraud grant. These dollars are budgeted as reappropriated for these efforts, because their first appropriation is as cash and federal funds in the Department's budget bill.

FEDERAL FUNDS

Funds provided from the federal government are received to support the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Grant.

Learn more about the department's budget at coag.gov/resources/budget-and-accounting/.



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