



Citizen Centric Report Office of the Attorney General

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Fiscal Year 2026

MISSION:

The Office of the Attorney General provides legal counsel and representation to Commonwealth government and its agencies on many issues vital to the people's interest. These issues include the protection of children from abuse and neglect, preservation of the environment, protecting the Commonwealth's financial assets, the protection of consumers, and public safety.

WHO WE ARE:

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is constitutionally created pursuant to the NMI Constitution, art III, § 11, as an independent agency within the Executive Branch. The Attorney General serves a four-year term. The Attorney General is the Chief Legal Officer of the Commonwealth Government and is responsible for:

- Providing legal advice to the Governor and Executive Departments, including public corporations and autonomous agencies;
- Representing the Commonwealth in all legal matters and
- Prosecuting violations of Commonwealth law.



DIVISIONS AND UNITS OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

CIVIL DIVISION

CRIMINAL DIVISION

SOLICITOR DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER
COUNSEL

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
DIVISION

ATTORNEY GENERAL
INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
UNIT

VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY UNIT

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT

GRANTS MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC
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OUR PROGRESS

HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Assisted Homeland Security & Emergency Management with emergency procurements and proper payment of typhoon emergency premium pay for civil service employees during recovery efforts for Super Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi;

The Passage of House Bill No. 24-1, relating to sexual abuse/assault of minors raises the age of consent, clarifies definitions, and adds a new section prohibiting sexual contact with school officials and a new voyeurism.

- Secured a conviction in **Commonwealth v. Charlston Aiken, Criminal Case No. 25-0105**, for the charges of Assault & Battery, and Disturbing the Peace.
- Secured a conviction in **Commonwealth v. Darvin Muna, Criminal Case No. 25-0073**, for the charge of Disturbing the Peace.

Continuing to receive settlement funds for substance use disorder managed by the Opioid Proceeds Council which currently operates at the Office of the Attorney General; it serves as the designated authority to manage, distribute, and oversee the use of opioid settlement funds received through the OAG.

The Attorney General Investigative Division continues to support and assist multiple agencies; in an effort to combat consumer complaints, and other criminal cases that include misuse of food stamps, misconduct in government office.

Finalized the CNMI's participation in a multi-state settlement with Meta Platforms regarding teen social media addiction and consumer protection claims, under which the CNMI will receive up to \$3.29 million.

NMI Supreme Court Oral Arguments

2024-SCC-0023-CIV Conrad Sablan v. CUC & CNMI
2025-SCC-0010-CIV Paul Acebedo, et al. v. CNMI
2025-SCC-0012-CRM Commonwealth v. William Abraczinskas
2025-SCC-0016-PET In RE CNMI v. CNMI Superior Court and RJKS.
2026-SCC-0003-CQU Edward Manibusan v. Jude Hofschneider

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DIVISION/UNIT	FY2026
CIVIL DIVISION	
Agencies Served	35
Procurement Contract Review	744
Personnel Contract Review	792
Review of Legislation for the Governor	92
Review for Legislative Comments	63
Legal Services Request	616
Litigation	76
CNMI Supreme Court Active Cases	69
CRIMINAL DIVISION	
Criminal – Felony	99
Criminal – Misdemeanor	39
Juvenile	6
Traffic	302
OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER COUNSEL	
Complaints Investigated	9
Complaints Resolved	2
INVESTIGATION DIVISION	
Penal Summons – Served	60
Witness Summons – Served	118
Civil Documents – Served	13
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT UNIT	
Active Cases	145
Closed Cases	27
VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY UNIT	
Victims Served – Criminal & Traffic	301
Victims Served – Family Court	220



OUR FINANCES

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

BUDGET	FY2026
GENERAL FUNDS	\$2,861,990.00
Personnel	\$2,835,511.00
Operations	\$26,479.00
FEDERAL FUNDS TOTAL	\$34,290.70
EXPENDITURES	\$2,896,280.70
ADMINISTRATION COLLECTIONS	
Apostilles	\$45,600.00
Certifications	\$300.00
Notary Public	\$1,175.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$47,075.00
CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS	
Collected and distributed	\$258,745.65
Tax Rebate Offset	2,273.34
Attributable to Child Tax	\$315.24
Distributed & Attributable to Earned	\$637.33
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$261,971.56

REPORT PUBLIC CORRUPTION

Public Corruption is a breach of trust by local officials or government employees, who undermine our Commonwealth's overall safety, the public trust, and confidence in our local government. If anyone has any information about wrongdoings by a public official or government employee, please submit a tip online at www.cnmioag.org or contact our Investigative Division at 237-7630



HOTLINE

Consumer Complaints

The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) promotes and protects the interests of the CNMI consumers while ensuring a competent and fair marketplace. Consumer Complaint forms may be obtained at www.cnmioag.org under the Consumer Protection section or in person at the Civil Division in Capitol Hill, or via email by sending a request to consumer_counsel@cnmioag.org



KEY INITIATIVES FOR 2026

- ❖ **Continue to provide legal advice and guidance to the Executive Branch, Departments and Agencies and to represent the Commonwealth in the trial court, and on matters currently on appeal.**
- ❖ **Focus on illegal business practices that hurt our consumers and other business; implement consumer awareness programs, and investigate consumer complaints.**
- ❖ **Continue to promote and ensure an open and transparent government.**
- ❖ **Continue to improve/strengthen the Criminal Code.**
- ❖ **Continue to work on new procurement regulations for the government and provide training to agencies.**
- ❖ **Continue to implement Consumer awareness programs and investigate consumer complaints.**
- ❖ **Continue to explore solutions to mental health issues in the criminal justice system.**
- ❖ **Continue to collaborate with DPS and DYS to address juvenile delinquency issues in the Commonwealth.**
- ❖ **Continue to collaborate with other jurisdictions to expand resource activities and to combat illegal drug and criminal activity in the CNMI.**
- ❖ **To increase child support collections and enforcements.**

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