The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is the chief legal office of the Government of Guam. We are empowered to prosecute all crimes, enforce child support, protect our children and man'amo'o from abuse, support victims through the justice process, and protect consumers of Guam from fraud and deceptive business practices. The Office of the Attorney General represents the government of Guam and all public officials, and has both statutory and common law power.

The OAG employs 192 personnel including 56 attorneys who work in one of the seven divisions: Administration, Child Support Enforcement, Consumer Protection, Juvenile, Litigation, Prosecution, and Solicitors.

The Attorney General has been an elected office for the last 12 years since its authorization by U.S. Congress. There have been three previous elected Attorneys General. General Barrett-Anderson is the fourth elected Attorney General. This is her second tenure, having served as an appointed Attorney General from 1987 to 1994. She returns with background from all 3 branches of government and is here to serve the people of Guam.

Fiscal Year 2015 was significant for victims of crime with adoption of rules and regulations of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission. This effort was key in reestablishing a working compensation program whereby victims of crime can now apply for eligible payment for injuries. The Victim-Advocate Communication Privileged law (P.L.33-51) was enacted to provide greater confidentiality and protection for privileged communications between advocates/counselors and victims of crime.

Public Education and Outreach. LaniKate Task Force: General Barrett-Anderson and Juvenile Deputy General Carol Hinkle-Sanchez trained over 500 Guam Department of Education teachers, administrators and staff in Child Sexual Abuse Prevention curricula, who will institute the curriculum in school year 2016.

It’s the Law
public education campaign was launched to ensure consumers are informed of relevant laws and their rights (e.g., Lemon Law, Sexting).

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CCR Award Recipient - The OAG was awarded the Platinum Award in CCR Reporting by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Guam Chapter for FY2014, as well as a national Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting from the AGA.
Rate of Return for 2015: $1.52
12%

Total Recovered: $27,285,692

76%

$170,970.70
$118,247.84

Amount Disbursed from Dormant Accounts
Amount Disbursed to Claimants
Amount from Claims Denied

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS*

Aggravated Assault, 121, 14%
Child Victims of Abuse, 79, 9%
Assault, 303, 35%

Harassment, 151, 17%
Stalking, 11, 1%
Terrorizing, 89, 10%
Manslaughter, 5, 1%
Murder, 14, 2%
Criminal Sexual Conduct, 91, 11%

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY*

Criminal Trespassing, 68, 23%
Theft of Motor Vehicle, 27, 9%
Robbery, 35, 12%
Home Invasion, 6, 2%
Criminal Mischief, 69, 24%
Burglary, 87, 30%

Child Support Collections: $11,451,557
Serving 11,508 Children

Child Support Payments

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY*

JUVENILE*

Juvenile Drug Court, 233, 44%
Juvenile Delinquency, 193, 36%

Special Proceedings, 104, 20%

SOLICITORS

Case Filings

Case Type
Administrative Proceedings, 24
Civil Service Commission Proceedings, 6
Office of Public Accountability Proceedings, 2
Administrative Rules & Regulations, 19
Attorney Assistance, 2
Contract Review, 518
Opinion & Legal Guidance Requests, 20
Procurement, 45
Special Assistant Attorney General Procurements, 39

THERAPEUTIC COURTS*

Drug Court: Cases Filed
Family Violence: Cases Filed
Mental Health: Cases Filed
Veteran’s Court: Cases Filed
DUI Court: Cases Filed

266, 26%
350, 34%
385, 38%
7, 1%
12, 1%
0, 0%

Government
Agencies
$96,017.00

$170,970.70
$118,247.84

Government Claims Fund
$74,953.00

$160,488,434.00

Employer withholding
$7,592,579.00

Tax withholding
$1,602,925.00

Off-Island Collections
$1,170,756.00

Other Sources
$1,085,297.00

CICC Funds from Court

$160,777,652

Disbursed Child Support Payments

* Based on Calendar Year.
Significant Changes to Revenues:
- FY2015, the OAG focused on building technological, financial, and personnel infrastructure. As such, appropriations increased over FY2014 in capital improvements and equipment.
- Federal funds increased by 18.95%, or $1.9M, from FY2014.
- Special Revenue Funds collected from Notary Public applications, fines from criminal injuries, and AG Clearances.

Revenue Resources

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Significant Changes to Expenditures:
- As a result of an increase in budget, the OAG accomplished procurement to meet the needs of the agency, such as vehicles, computers, servers, and cubicle workstations.
- There was an increase in federal spending of $625K, or 8%, over FY2014.
- Special Revenue Fund expenditures have been minimal; however, in FY2016, the CICC started awarding compensation to victims; and the 2016 Notary Conference was held on September 7-8, 2016 at Pacific Star Hotel, Guam.

An independent audit was conducted, resulting in a clean audit opinion. Complete financial information can be found at [http://opaguam.org/reports-audits/financial-audits](http://opaguam.org/reports-audits/financial-audits).
Milestones and Achievements:

*Pathway to Justice*, the OAG’s 2015-2018 Strategic Plan, established the framework for achieving success. Strategic Priority Projects & Initiatives are:

1. The OAG will have executive independence
2. Provide quality services
3. Enhance employee development and satisfaction
4. Build infrastructure-facilities, technology, administrative, and financial
5. Enhance public education and community outreach

Challenges:

The recruitment and retention of staff, specifically attorneys, continues to be a challenge. Strategies are being refined for FY2016/FY2017 to accommodate recruitment efforts, retention of staff, and retirements.

Developing and or enhancing infrastructure in finance, technology, and procurement are a challenge; however, progress has been made with significant procurement actions undertaken since last FY2014.

The P.O.S.T. standards implemented pursuant to P.L. 32-232 mandate physical qualification standards for law enforcement officers. The OAG employs 20 law enforcement officers that could potentially be affected if standards are unmet. Proactive management began last year to ensure officers are better prepared to meet these mandates.

Continuing challenges include growing the agency; maintaining a cadre of local attorneys that will yield long-term legal institutional knowledge and experience for the Government of Guam; to foster closer working relationships with all government agencies as well as the Judicial and the Legislative branches of government; and to establish the OAG as the premiere law firm in the Western Pacific.

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