

**AGENCY ANNEX A1
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

I. MISSION

The mission of the Office of the Attorney General is to implement and enforce the laws of the State of Vermont in order to improve the quality of life for all Vermonters. The Office serves as legal counsel to all State agencies and to the Legislature and appears on behalf of the State in court. The Office handles both civil and criminal cases in all courts of the State at both the state and appellate levels. The Office both defends the State when it issued and files suits to enforce Vermont's criminal, civil rights, consumer protection, environmental and countless other laws.

II. AUTHORITY

- 3 V.S.A. §152 (Scope of Authority): to represent the state in all civil and criminal matters, concurrent jurisdiction with state's attorneys in criminal matters.

- 3 V.S.A. §158 (Attendance at Legislature): to attend the legislature and advise and assist in the preparation of legislative business and documents.

- 3 V.S.A. §159 (Opinions: state matters and actions): to advise elective and appointive state officers on questions of law relating to their official duties; to provide general supervision on matters and actions in favor of/or against the state.

- 3 V.S.A. §1102(b) (representation of state personnel): to defend, or to authorize outside representation, for state personnel in civil litigation against them where the Attorney General determines that the alleged act or omission occurred within the scope of the employee's official duties.

III. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

State agency and department heads and their staffs develop, plan and train to internal policies and procedures to meet preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery needs as identified in this plan including annexes, appendices, tabs and other supporting documents including the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Training includes not only what may be accomplished within the agency but multi-level, interagency training and exercises to develop and maintain necessary capabilities.

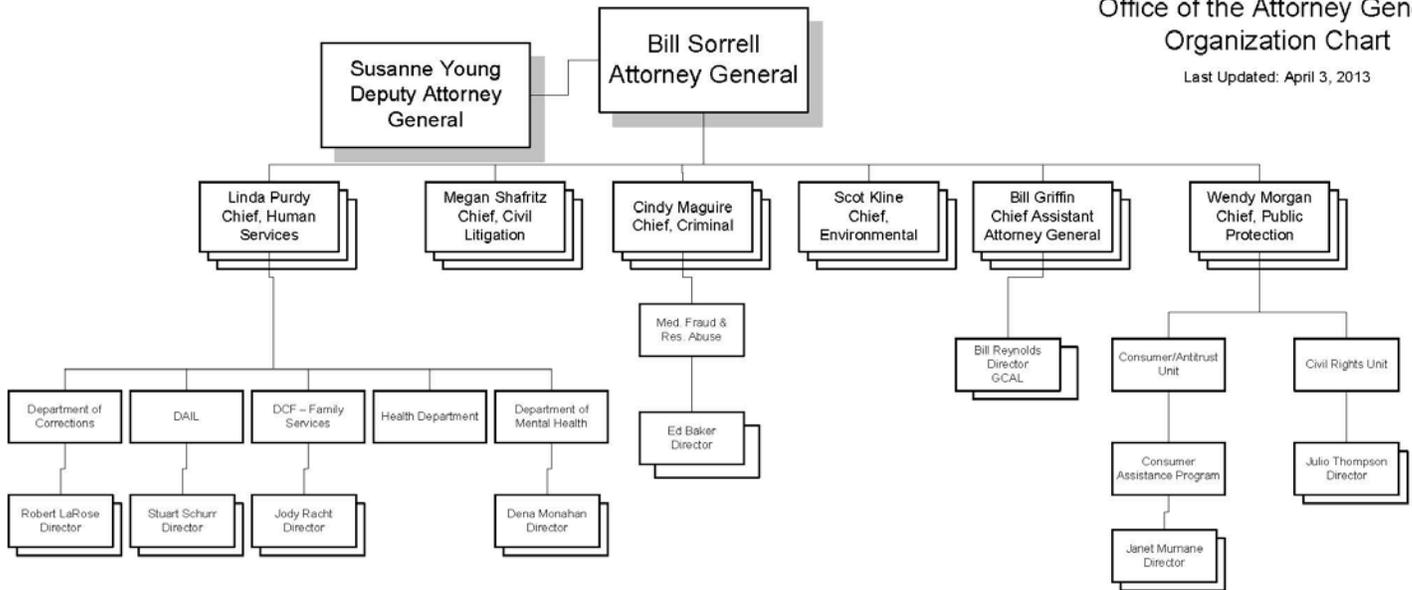
The situation and assumptions in section ii of the Base plan also apply.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following chart is the organization of the Office of Attorney General to the division level.

**Office of the Attorney General
Organization Chart**

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The Office of the Attorney General is an assisting agency to all state agencies and State Support Functions. The Office is also a participating agency in the Recovery and Restoration Multi-Agency Coordination Group as designated in the Disaster Recovery and Restoration Annex.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

This Annex will be implemented with the assigned responsibilities by means of direct coordination from the Commissioner, Department of Public Safety or Director, DEMHS with the Commissioner and/or upon the order of the Governor within the framework of the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP).

VI. ADMINISTRATION

The Attorney General is responsible for the overall emergency response of the Office of Attorney General.

VII. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

In accordance with the 20 V.S.A. §184, the following constitute the Attorney General's five emergency interim successors to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General, by title, in order of succession:

- Interim successor #1: Director, Consumer Assistance Program
- Interim successor #2: Chief Assistant Attorney General
- Interim successor #3: Chief, Criminal Division
- Interim successor #4: Chief, Environmental Division
- Interim successor #5: Chief, Civil Division

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**Office of Attorney General
Emergency Interim Successors Designation**

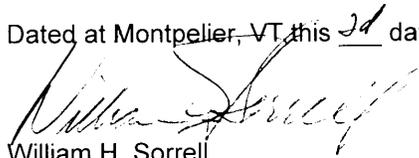
In accordance with 20 V.S.A. §184, I hereby designate, by title, the following emergency interim successors to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General, in order of succession:

Interim successor #1	Director, Consumer Assistance Program
Interim successor #2	Chief Assistant Attorney General
Interim successor #3	Chief, Criminal Division
Interim successor #4	Chief, Environmental Division
Interim successor #5	Chief, Civil Division

The interim successors in the order specified, shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the Office of the Attorney General if the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General are unavailable to perform the duties and functions of the Office.

The interim successor shall serve until a successor to the Attorney General is appointed or elected and qualified as may be provided by the constitution and statutes or until the lawful incumbent or the deputy or a preceding named emergency interim successor is able to resume the exercise of the powers and discharge the duties of the office.

Dated at Montpelier, VT, this 24 day of April, 2013.


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cc: Office of the Secretary of State
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