

ATTORNEY GENERAL

(Office located on main floor of Capitol Building)

LAWRENCE F. SCALISE, Warren County

Term expires January 2, 1967

Solicitor General: Timothy McCarthy, Linn County.

Special Assistant Attorney General: Oscar Strauss, Polk County.

Special Assistant Attorneys General: for State Tax Commission, Thomas W. McKay, Dubuque County; for State Highway Commission, Raymond T. Walton, Scott County.

Assistant Attorneys General: Don R. Bennett, Page County; Harold W. Bracewell, Polk County; Joseph S. Brick, Polk County; Nolden I. Gentry, Johnson County; Dan L. Johnston, Tama County; Michael S. McCauley, Dubuque County; L. Michael McGrane, Polk County; Robert B. Scism, Polk County; Jerome R. Smith, Woodbury County.

The constitution provides that there shall be an attorney general whose term of office shall be two years. As the chief legal officer of the state, the attorney general appears for the state in all actions to which the state is a party, or where the state may be an interested party when in his judgment the interest of the state requires or when he is requested to appear by the governor, the executive council or the general assembly. The attorney general prosecutes and defends all cases for the state before the Iowa supreme court.

A major responsibility of the attorney general is the rendering of opinions on questions of law when he is requested to do so by a member of the general assembly or by a state officer. Formal opinions are published every two years in the "Report of the Attorney General" which is submitted to the governor and which also contains a report on the condition of the office and the other business handled. The greater bulk of legal opinions rendered by the attorney general and his staff, however, are "advisory" letter opinions which are not published in this biennial report.

The attorney general is the supervisor of the 99 county attorneys, in which capacity he gives counsel and assistance to them regarding problems that arise in the course of their official duties.

All contracts, drafts, forms and writings required for use by the state are prepared by the attorney general. He is also an ex-officio member of the state printing board.

As the ex-officio chairman of the board of law examiners, he is in charge of preparing, giving and grading of the state bar examinations for the admission to the practice of law in Iowa.

Attorney General Scalise has promoted consumer protection legislation and has established a consumer protection division and an office of criminal justice within the department of justice.

BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERSChairman ex officio, **LAWRENCE F. SCALISE**, Attorney General.

(See 610.4 Code of Iowa.)

Members of the Board**PHILLIP H. CLESS**, Des Moines; term expires June 30, 1966.**LOWELL C. KINDIG**, Sioux City; term expires June 30, 1966.**DAVID M. ELDERKIN**, Cedar Rapids; term expires June 30, 1967.**CHARLES F. SWISHER**, Waterloo; term expires June 30, 1967.**JAKE S. MOORE**, Harlan; term expires June 30, 1966.

The attorney general is, by virtue of his office, chairman of the board and the other members are appointed by the supreme court.

Every applicant for admission to the bar must pass an examination by the board in compliance with the statutes and the rules established by the supreme court.