

ATTORNEY GENERAL

(Office located on main floor of Capitol Building)

RICHARD C. TURNER, Council Bluffs

Term expires January, 1969

Solicitor General: Richard E. Haesemeyer, Polk County

Assistant Attorney General: Oscar Strauss, Polk County

Special Assistant Attorneys General: for State Tax Commission, George W. Murray, Polk County; for State Highway Commission, Robert N. Merillat, Greene County; for Anti-trust Division, Roger H. Ivie, Johnson County; for Claims Division, Donald Bennett, Polk County; for Social Welfare, Lorna L. Williams, Polk County.

Assistant Attorneys General: Elizabeth Nolan, Johnson County; David Elderkin, Polk County; William Claerhout, Polk County; Fred Hendrickson, Polk County; Joseph Zeller, Julian Garrett, Harry M. Griger, David B. Hendrickson, David Sather, Charles Campbell, Larry Seckington and James Martin. Legal Department: Highway Commission, Mike McGrane, Robert Lego and James Graham.

The attorney general is a constitutional officer within the judicial department of government and is elected by vote of the people every two years. As head of the department of justice and chief legal officer of the state, the attorney general prosecutes and defends all cases in the supreme court in which the state is a party or interested. In addition, he represents the state in other actions and proceedings both civil and criminal, when, in his judgment, the best interest of the state require him to do so, or when he is requested to appear by the governor, the executive council or the general assembly.

The attorney general is charged with the responsibility of supervising the 99 county attorneys in all matters pertaining to the duties of their offices and in this capacity he frequently counsels and advises them with respect to problems which occur during the course of their official duties.

All drafts of contracts, forms and other legal documents which may be required for the use of the state are prepared by the attorney general.

When requested to do so, the attorney general gives his written opinion upon all questions of law submitted to him by the general assembly or by either house thereof or by an elective or appointive state official. At the close of each biennium the attorney general submits a report to the governor setting forth the condition of his office, opinions rendered and other business transacted which is of public interest.

The attorney general is an ex-officio member of the state printing board and is ex-officio chairman of the state board of law examiners. In the latter capacity he is in charge of preparing, giving and reading the state bar examinations and generally passing upon the qualifications of applicants for admission to practice law in the state of Iowa.

BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERSChairman ex officio, **RICHARD TURNER, Attorney General**

(See 610.4 Code of Iowa.)

Members of the Board

WILBUR R. DULL, Ottumwa; term expires June 30, 1969.**CHARLES SWISHER, Waterloo; term expires June 30, 1969.****JAKE MOORE, Harlan; term expires June 30, 1968.****E. S. TESDELL, Des Moines; term expires June 30, 1968.****ROBERT EIDSMOE, Sioux City; term expires June 30, 1968.**

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.