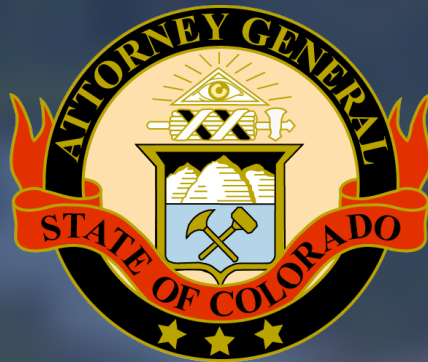


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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

What we do

At the Colorado Department of Law, we are committed to serving as the “People’s Lawyer.” Our vision for this role is: Together, we serve the people of Colorado, advancing the rule of law, protecting our democracy, and promoting justice for all.

To guide how we implement this vision, we champion four core values—we are principled, public servants who are innovative and better together.

Who we are

The Attorney General and the Department of Law represent and defend the legal interests of the people of the State of Colorado and its sovereignty. The attorney general has primary authority for enforcement of consumer protection and state antitrust laws, prosecution of criminal appeals and certain complex white-collar crimes, training and certification of peace officers, and many natural resource and environmental matters. The Department is comprised of the following sections and offices:



- **Civil Litigation & Employment Law Section:** Represents state agencies, including the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Department of Corrections, and employees in administrative, state, and federal courts, and prosecutes civil rights violations in administrative and state courts in addition to providing general employment advice.
- **Consumer Protection Section:** Protects Colorado consumers and businesses by enforcing state and federal laws designed to maintain a fair and competitive business environment while protecting consumers from being targets of fraud. The Consumer Protection team investigates corporate fraud, false claims, and Medicaid fraud. This section also protects civil rights including fair housing, and workers’ rights, as well as bringing actions against patterns and practices of civil rights violations for government authorities.
- **Criminal Appeals Section:** Represents the people of the State when defendants challenge felony convictions in the state and federal appellate courts.
- **Criminal Justice Section:** Assists local prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the state on matters that occur in more than one local jurisdiction, including presenting cases to the Statewide Grand Jury and serving as special district attorneys in local counties upon request, in addition to investigating insurance and securities fraud.
- **Natural Resources and Environment Section:** Works with client agencies to protect and improve the quality of Colorado’s natural environment, as well as providing counsel to state agencies charged with protecting air, land, and water.
- **Revenue & Regulatory Law Section:** Provides litigation and general counsel support to the Department of Revenue, the Property Tax Administrator and Property Tax Division within the Department of Local Affairs, Department of Regulatory Agencies, and the Public Utilities Commission trial staff.
- **State Services Section:** Provides representation to eight of sixteen executive branch principal Departments and Colorado’s five statewide elected public officials: the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and State Board of Education.
- **Division of Community Engagement:** Serves as Coloradans’ open door to the Department. The division builds relationships and establishes meaningful dialogue across Colorado to hear the needs, ideas, and voices of the people of our state.

DEFENDING & SERVING THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO

This past year, the Colorado Department of Law took significant action to defend the people, values, and resources of our state, work that reflects both the priorities of this administration and the broader approach we have advanced over the past seven years.

In 2025, a central focus of our efforts was standing up for Colorado in the face of federal actions that threatened critical funding, civil rights protections, and the state's ability to govern. Through this work, we secured the reinstatement of more than \$1.21 billion in federal funding, ensuring that essential programs and services remained available to Coloradans.

At the same time, we continued to build on sustained efforts across our core priorities. We strengthened consumer protection by taking on complex, high-impact cases—from fighting illegal monopolies and advancing competition in markets to addressing unfair practices in housing—while, over the course of this administration, returning hundreds of millions of dollars to consumers and promoting a fairer economy.

Our work to confront the opioid crisis has continued to deliver results. Colorado is now on track to receive \$912 million in settlement funds, supporting prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts statewide. This approach, linking legal action to long-term community investment, has helped position Colorado as a national model.

Improving public safety has remained a central responsibility. This year and throughout my tenure, we have prosecuted complex cases involving contractor fraud, organized crime, and threats to community safety, while also strengthening the systems that support accountability through updates to peace officer training, enforcement of victims' rights, and expanded tools to address domestic violence and protect vulnerable communities.

We have also prioritized investing in communities and preventing harm before it occurs. From advancing youth mental health initiatives to strengthening outreach through Safe2Tell, this work reflects a broader commitment to listening to Coloradans and developing solutions that meet the needs of communities across our state.

From these efforts, our goal has been not only to enforce the law, but to strengthen how the Attorney General's Office serves the public by pairing strong enforcement with prevention, community engagement, and long-term solutions.

As I reflect on the past seven years, I am proud of the progress we have made together. We have taken on complex challenges, strengthened the tools available to protect consumers and communities, and worked to ensure that legal action delivers meaningful, lasting results. Just as importantly, we have built partnerships and approaches that will continue to serve Coloradans in the years ahead.

That work continues, and we remain focused on delivering results for the people of Colorado.



Phil Weiser, Colorado Attorney General

DELIVERING FOR COLORADO

A MODEL FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN COLORADO.

Over the past seven years, Attorney General Phil Weiser has led the Colorado Department of Law with a clear set of priorities: protecting consumers, confronting the opioid crisis, improving public safety and the criminal justice system, safeguarding Colorado's land, air, and water, and strengthening community connections.

Under his leadership, the Department expanded how it delivers on these priorities—pairing strong legal action with innovation and partnerships to deliver measurable results that improve everyday life for Coloradans and position Colorado as a national leader in tackling complex challenges.

A hallmark of this work has been a commitment to listening, engaging directly with communities, local governments, and businesses across Colorado to better understand challenges and shape solutions that reflect local needs.

A NEW APPROACH

Under Attorney General Weiser's leadership, the Department advanced a broader vision of public service:

- From enforcement alone to enforcement and prevention
- From one-time settlements to long-term community investment
- From reactive responses to proactive, community-informed strategies

This work reflects not only strong enforcement, but a commitment to rethinking how government can deliver lasting results. The systems built during this time will continue to serve the people of Colorado for years to come.

A DIFFERENT APPROACH. BETTER RESULTS.

**Enforcement****Fixing root causes**

Taking on industry-wide harms, not just individual cases

**Settlements****Community investment**

Funding long-term solutions for opioids, food access, domestic violence prevention, and mental health

**Reaction****Prevention**

Investing early to reduce harm before it happens

**Colorado-led****National impact**

Leading multistate efforts to protect Coloradans and shape outcomes

**Decisions****Listening-led solutions**

Engaging communities to inform action

**Traditional enforcement****Modern challenges**

Addressing AI, data privacy, and algorithmic pricing

DELIVERING FOR COLORADO

PROTECTING CONSUMERS AND PROMOTING A FAIR ECONOMY



\$575M+

returned to consumers through
refunds, credits, and debt relief

\$2.17B+

in consumer protection cases

A central focus of Attorney General Weiser's tenure has been strengthening consumer protection by addressing harm across entire industries—not just individual cases.

Under his leadership, the Department expanded its legal tools while taking on complex, high-impact cases. This work included:

- ▶ Securing more than \$575 million in refunds, credits, and debt relief for Colorado consumers.
- ▶ Strengthening the Colorado Consumer Protection Act, giving the Attorney General's Office more tools to crack down on scams and deceptive practices.
- ▶ Winning a federal court ruling against Google's search engine and digital advertising monopoly, a major step in restoring competition in digital markets.
- ▶ Challenging the proposed Kroger-Albertsons merger after conducting 19 listening sessions across Colorado, helping stop a deal projected to harm shoppers, workers, suppliers, and farmers by reducing competition and increasing grocery consolidation.
- ▶ Leading multi-state litigation against Live Nation and Ticketmaster, resulting in a jury verdict confirming monopolistic practices.
- ▶ Taking action against algorithmic price collusion in housing markets through RealPage, while holding major property managers such as Greystar and Cortland accountable, helping curb unfair rent-setting practices and protect Colorado renters.
- ▶ Holding companies accountable in the student loan and for-profit education space, securing relief for borrowers.
- ▶ Applying consumer protection laws to emerging risks, including artificial intelligence, data privacy, and digital platforms.

By focusing on system-wide harm and modernizing enforcement tools, these efforts helped return money to consumers, strengthen competition, and ensure protections keep pace with a rapidly changing economy.



DELIVERING FOR COLORADO

CONFRONTING THE OPIOID CRISIS

Addressing the opioid crisis required a fundamentally different approach—one that connects legal action directly to public health outcomes.

Under Attorney General Weiser's leadership, Colorado helped lead national litigation against pharmaceutical companies while building a coordinated framework to ensure settlement funds are used effectively.

This work included:

- ▶ Securing more than \$912 million in opioid settlement funds for Colorado.
- ▶ Establishing a statewide model to invest in treatment, recovery, and prevention.
- ▶ Supporting community-based responses, including naloxone distribution and regional infrastructure funding.

By aligning legal strategy with public health goals, Colorado has become a national model for opioid response, recognized by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Principles Coalition for its planning and collaboration.



\$912M+

secured for opioid
prevention, treatment,
and recovery

DEFENDING COLORADO & PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS



\$1.21B

in federal funds
protected for Colorado

Attorney General Weiser has led efforts to defend Colorado's interests, civil rights, and democratic institutions in the face of federal overreach.

This work included:

- ▶ Securing the reinstatement of more than \$1.21 billion in federal funding, returning over \$2,000 for every \$1 invested and ensuring critical programs remained available.
- ▶ Defending civil rights protections, including access to health care.
- ▶ Leading multi-state efforts to protect reproductive health care access, including the availability of medications like mifepristone.
- ▶ Defending LGBTQ rights and voting rights in state and federal courts.
- ▶ Protecting Colorado's elections from federal interference.
- ▶ Representing Colorado in major cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and helping shape national legal debates.

Through this work, the Department reinforced the rule of law while protecting the rights and resources Coloradans rely on.



DELIVERING FOR COLORADO

IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY & STRENGTHENING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

The attorney general's approach to public safety has combined strong enforcement with efforts to improve systems and prevent harm.

This work included:

- ▶ Leading the prosecution of cases related to the death of Elijah McClain, one of the most complex accountability efforts in Colorado's recent history.
- ▶ Dismantling organized crime, drug trafficking, motor vehicle theft rings, human trafficking rings, and prosecuting large-scale fraud schemes.
- ▶ Securing over \$100 million in court-ordered civil recoveries and \$4.5 million in criminal restitution through Medicaid fraud enforcement.
- ▶ Leading the first update to Colorado's peace officer training curriculum in 40 years through the POST Board.
- ▶ Enforcing Colorado's victims' rights law for the first time, strengthening protections for victims.
- ▶ Successfully prosecuting election security violations, reinforcing the integrity of Colorado's election systems and public trust in the democratic process.
- ▶ Expanding tools and training to address domestic violence and gun violence.

Recent trends show meaningful declines in key crime categories following pandemic-era increases, including motor vehicle theft, which decreased by more than 30% in 2025 compared to the previous year. *Source: [Colorado Bureau of Investigation / Colorado Crime Trends 2025 Midyear Report \(opens new window\)](#)*

By strengthening accountability and prevention together, these efforts helped improve public safety, return funds to the state, and build public trust.



\$100M+

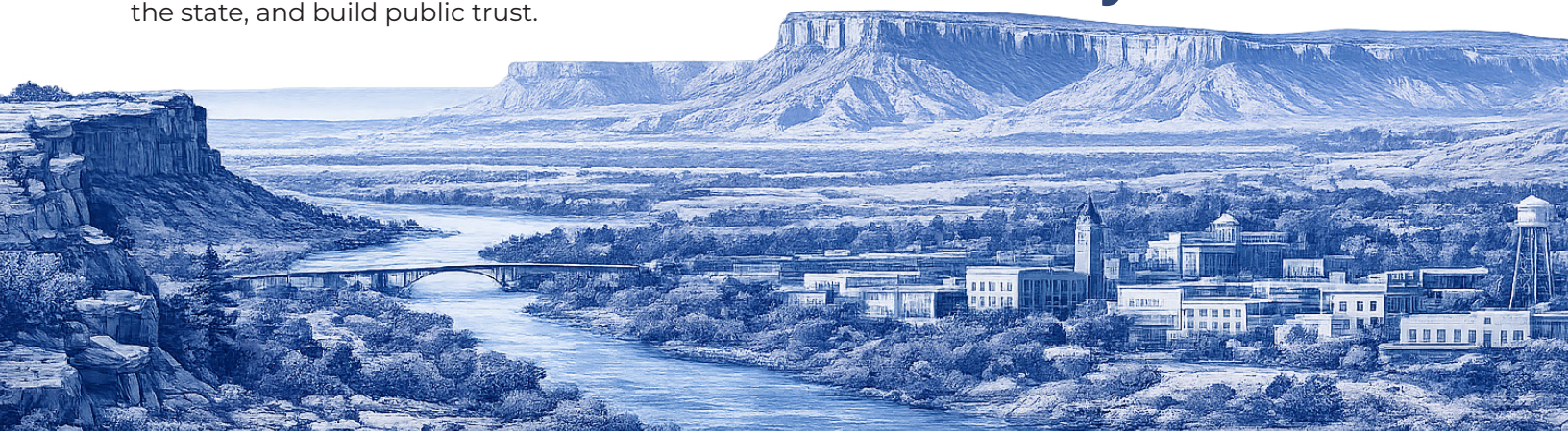
in court-ordered civil
recoveries through Medicaid
fraud enforcement

34.5%↓

in motor vehicle theft from
2024 to 2025

Led the first update to
Colorado's peace officer
training in

40 years



DELIVERING FOR COLORADO

LISTENING & INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

A defining feature of this administration has been its focus on prevention—grounded in listening to communities and investing in solutions that reflect local needs.

This work included:

- ▶ Supporting youth mental health initiatives, including investigations into Meta and TikTok and their impacts on young people.
- ▶ Securing \$31.7 million from Juul Labs to support vaping cessation, prevention, and youth mental health programs.
- ▶ Increasing awareness and use of Safe2Tell, with more than 170,000 reports since 2019.
- ▶ Funding domestic violence prevention efforts reaching more than 17,000 survivors and children.
- ▶ Directing legal settlement funds to help Coloradans, including a food access grant that:
 - ▶ Distributed nearly 5 million pounds of food across 92% of Colorado
 - ▶ Provided diapers and supplies to nearly 60,000 families and children
- ▶ Engaging communities across all 64 counties to inform policy, enforcement priorities, and investment decisions

By investing in prevention and early intervention, these efforts helped reduce long-term harm and strengthen communities across Colorado.



170K+

Safe2Tell reports

122K

consumer complaints

17K+

survivors and children served through domestic violence programs

64 counties

reached through community engagement efforts



DELIVERING FOR COLORADO

PROTECTING COLORADO'S LAND, AIR, & WATER



Protecting Colorado's natural resources has required combining enforcement with forward-looking legal and policy strategies.

This work included:

- ▶ Developing a first-of-its-kind state program to protect wetlands and streams following federal rollbacks.
- ▶ Protecting Colorado's water rights and long-term resiliency through Colorado River Compact negotiations, interstate water agreements, and defense of the South Platte River system.
- ▶ Prioritizing environmental protections for disproportionately impacted communities.
- ▶ Taking action to address contamination from PFAS "forever chemicals," securing accountability for polluters and protecting communities from long-term health risks.
- ▶ Holding polluters accountable through enforcement and litigation.

These efforts not only enforced environmental laws but also helped prevent long-term harm and protect the natural resources that support Colorado's economy, environment, and way of life.

LOOKING AHEAD

Over the past seven years, Attorney General Weiser's leadership has demonstrated that the Department of Law can do more than enforce the law—it can shape systems, prevent harm, and deliver measurable results that improve people's lives.

Together, these efforts have positioned Colorado as a model for how an Attorney General's Office can combine enforcement, innovation, and community investment to deliver lasting impact.



ENGAGING COLORADO

Connecting with communities across Colorado is central to the Department of Law's mission. In 2025, the Department expanded both the scale and approach of its engagement efforts, combining data-driven insights, large-scale summits, and direct outreach to ensure that community voices inform the work of the office and that resources reach those who need them most.

EXPANDING ACCESS & STRENGTHENING CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT

The Consumer Engagement and Data Services (CEDS) team serves as a critical front door to the Department, connecting Coloradans with resources, support, and pathways for action.

In 2025, the CEDS team received a record number of consumer complaints, reflecting increased awareness and engagement. Use of the Spanish-language hotline also grew significantly, expanding access for more Coloradans.

CEDS responded quickly to consumer needs, typically returning calls within one business day and reviewing complaints within three business days. The team also prepared and referred thousands of cases for investigation and complaint resolution, helping translate consumer reports into enforcement action.

Access for Spanish-speaking communities also expanded. The Spanish-language hotline received 1,107 calls, a 16% increase from 2024, reflecting growing awareness and trust.



122K+
total complaints

Consumer complaints more than tripled from 2019 to 2025, reflecting increased public engagement, consumer need, and trust in the Colorado Attorney General's Office as a resource for help.

Beyond intake, CEDS played a key role in advancing enforcement and identifying emerging issues. The team:

- Prepared 530 insurance and securities fraud cases and 211 Medicaid fraud complaints.
- Referred 1,068 cases to investigators for further review.
- Relaunched and supported a complaint resolution program, referring 1,326 cases for resolution.
- Tracked emerging trends, including 1,049 landlord-tenant complaints and 352 employer-employee complaints, informing enforcement priorities.

CEDS also strengthened collaboration across divisions, working closely with the Housing Protection Unit and Worker Protection Unit to identify patterns of misconduct and support ongoing investigations.

These efforts contributed to enforcement actions in cases including Dollar General, Compliance Services Colorado, Greystar Property Management, and Ecom Automation Gurus, demonstrating how community reports translate into real accountability.

BUILDING TRUST THROUGH OUTREACH & STATEWIDE ENGAGEMENT



Attorney General Weiser was joined by fellow state attorneys general—Anne Lopez (HI), Aaron Ford (NV), and Nick Brown (WA)—for a powerful discussion on how state leaders are pushing back against illegal federal overreach at George Washington High School on April 16, 2025.

In 2025, the Department expanded outreach efforts and opportunities to engage with communities during a time of uncertainty for many Coloradans.

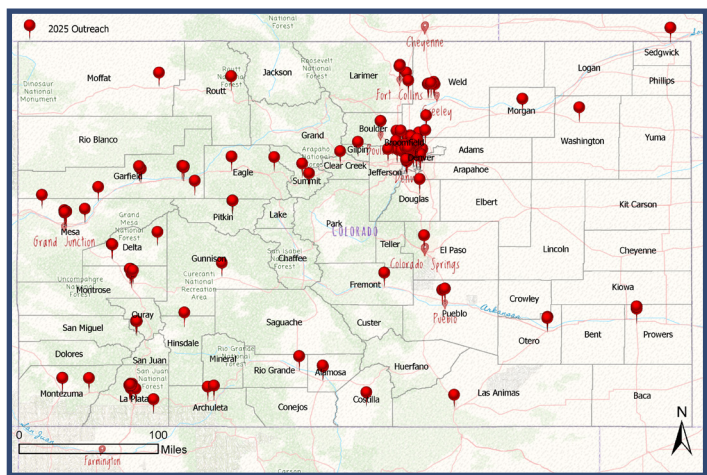
The Department hosted large-scale convenings to bring together stakeholders and elevate community voices. These included a Community Impact Hearing featuring attorneys general from multiple states, which brought together nearly 500 in-person attendees and over 1,000 participants online. The event provided a forum for Coloradans to share testimony, ask questions, and engage directly with leadership. More than 700 participants signed up for ongoing updates, strengthening connections between the attorney general's office and the public.



Ongoing engagement with all

64

Colorado counties



Attorney General Weiser held events in 26 of Colorado's 64 counties in 2025, visiting every county during his second term.



Attorney General Weiser joined a student-led town hall at Arvada West High School to discuss violence prevention.

Attorney General Weiser participated in a wide range of engagements, including major conferences, stakeholder meetings, and more than two dozen town halls across the state. These included community forums from Pueblo to Fort Collins, Julesburg to Hayden and Durango, as well as issue-specific engagements such as a student-led town hall on violence prevention and public input sessions on health care access and affordability matters.

Additional engagement included conversations with communities impacted by federal actions, including rural health providers, education leaders, immigrant advocates, and families navigating access to care. These efforts ensured that the office's work remained responsive to real-time community needs.

The Outreach and Engagement team completed more than 175 additional engagements statewide, including presentations, panel discussions, and community events in both English and Spanish. The team also convened regular meetings with community-based organizations through to gather input and identify opportunities for collaboration.

ADVANCING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS & INNOVATION

Youth mental health and wellbeing remained a top priority in engagement efforts.

In 2025, the Department celebrated the impact of programs funded through the Juul Labs, Inc. settlement, which support vaping prevention, youth education, and the development of protective factors. These programs foster connection, mentorship, and healthier school environments for young people across Colorado.

The office also worked with schools to address the impact of smartphones in classrooms. This included supporting legislation requiring schools to develop policies related to smartphone use, as well as funding pilot projects that tested practical solutions such as secure storage, student incentive programs, and education for families on the effects of overuse.

Through the Teaming Up for Youth conference, the Department partnered with the Denver Broncos Foundation to host over 350 youth advocates, educators, and community leaders to advance collaboration on youth mental health and wellbeing. The event featured expert speakers and youth voices, helping to elevate lived experience and inform community-driven solutions.



Attorney General Weiser and Denver Broncos Foundation Board Chair Carrie Walton Penner at the Team Up for Youth conference. Photo courtesy of the Denver Broncos Foundation.



Attorney General Weiser leads a press conference on new legislation requiring schools to develop smartphone use policies.



Attorney General Weiser speaks at a town hall on the risks young people face from social media algorithms and AI chatbots.

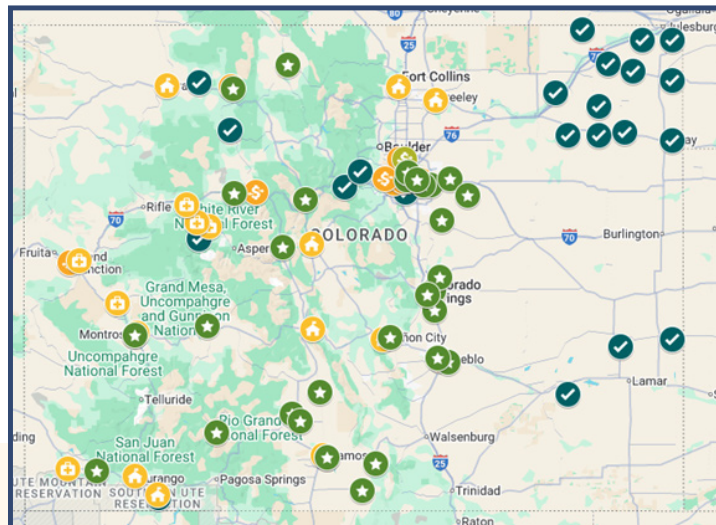
The Department also raised awareness about emerging risks associated with artificial intelligence chatbots, including issuing a consumer alert warning parents about the dangers of social AI chatbots and their potential to expose young users to harmful or inappropriate content. This work reflects a proactive approach to consumer protection, helping families understand how rapidly evolving technologies can impact youth mental health, privacy, and online safety.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES THROUGH GRANTS & PARTNERSHIPS

The Department of Law continued to expand its investment in community-based solutions through strategic grantmaking and partnerships.

In 2025, the attorney general awarded \$5.27 million through new youth mental health and smartphone pilot grant programs, supporting collaborative efforts to strengthen protective factors for young people. These investments build on \$21.96 million previously committed to youth mental health initiatives, including school-based and community-based programs and partnerships supporting suicide prevention.

Map (right) shows statewide impact of youth mental health and wellbeing investments..



In addition, the Department supported the continued growth of the Colorado Partnership for Education and Rural Revitalization (COPERR), which connects education, workforce development, and community revitalization efforts. Programs supported through COPERR are expanding access to career pathways, supporting reentry opportunities, and strengthening partnerships with rural and tribal communities.

In 2025, COPERR-supported programs demonstrated measurable impact, including student job placements, thousands of hours of workforce training, and the completion of housing renovation projects that provide both hands-on learning and community benefit.



Attorney General Weiser, Colorado Department of Law staff, and statewide partners gather at the 2025 COPERR Summit.

STRENGTHENING THE STATE'S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The office also saw the impact of its domestic violence prevention grants, which were designed to strengthen early intervention, victim advocacy, and crisis response. Over two years, organizations supported by this funding directly served more than 17,000 survivors and children across Colorado, expanding access to education, legal protection, shelter, and high-risk intervention. Informed by findings from the Colorado Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, these investments reflect a commitment to pairing funding with data-driven strategies to prevent violence and save lives.

RESPONDING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS THROUGH COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS

The Department of Law's community engagement efforts also supported Colorado's response to the opioid crisis.

The Opioid Response Unit continued to support the distribution and oversight of settlement funds. To date, more than \$132 million has been distributed to regional councils, \$9.4 million awarded for infrastructure projects, and \$18.6 million directed to state share initiatives.

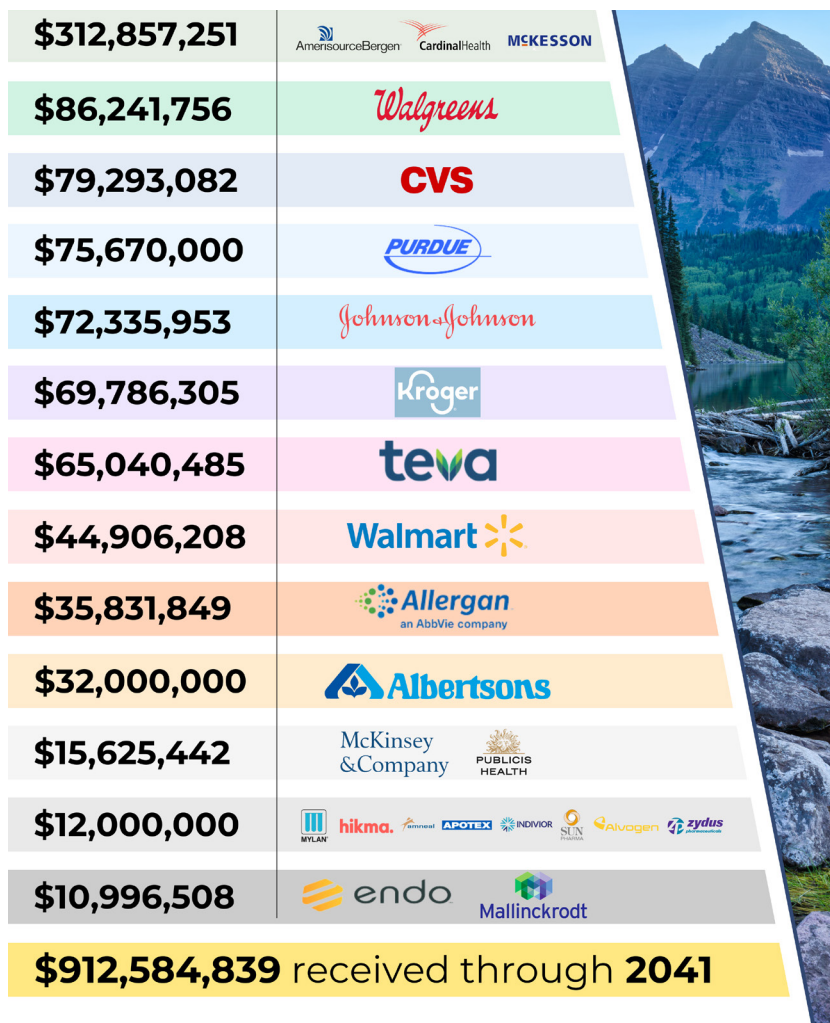


\$912M+

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prevention, treatment,
and recovery

In 2025, grantees invested more than \$4.3 million in prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction strategies across the state. Partnerships with other state agencies expanded access to medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) treatment, behavioral health services, and overdose prevention resources, including a \$3 million investment in naloxone access.

The Department also hosted the 4th Annual Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference, bringing together more than 500 participants to share best practices and strengthen collaboration across sectors.



Attendees at the 4th Annual Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference in Loveland, Colo.



EXPANDING AWARENESS & EARLY INTERVENTION

**SAFE2TELL CONTINUES TO PLAY A CRITICAL
ROLE IN EARLY INTERVENTION & YOUTH SAFETY.**


SINCE 2019
170K+
Safe2Tell reports

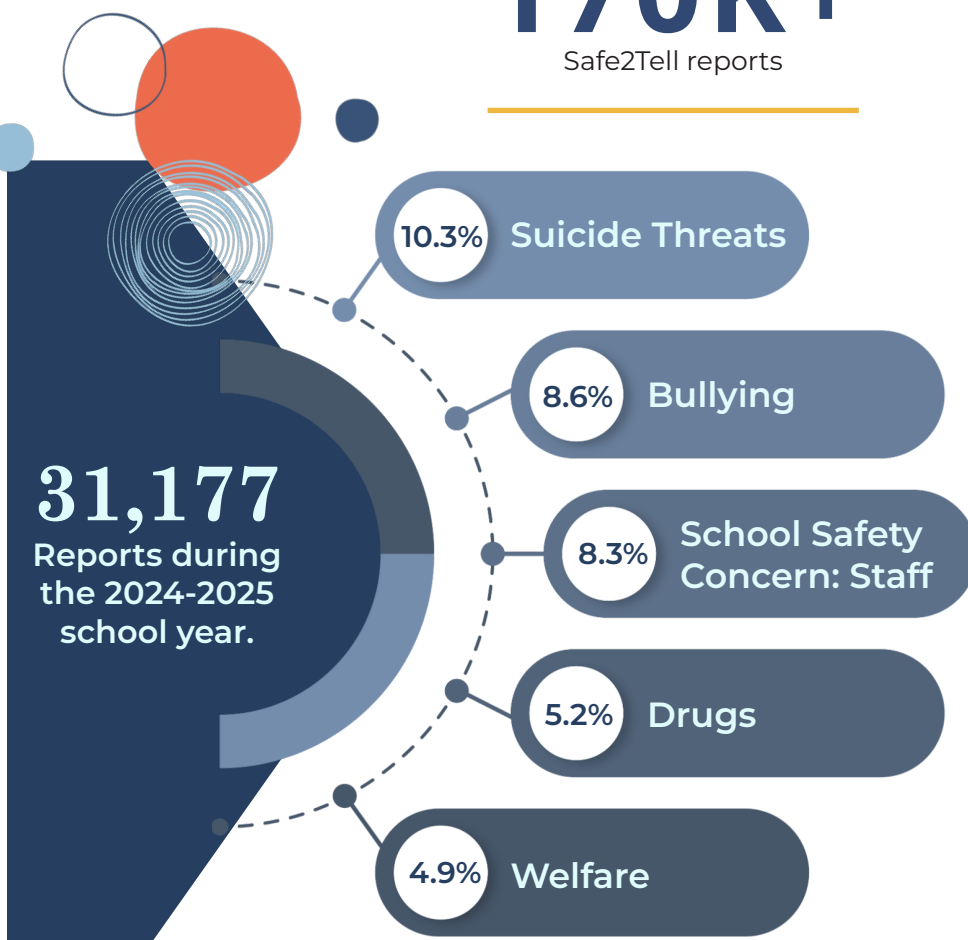
In the 2024–2025 school year, Safe2Tell received a record 31,177 reports, with nearly 97% deemed valid. The program expanded its outreach through statewide awareness campaigns, reaching more than 256,000 website visitors and distributing updated awareness and educational materials across Colorado.

The program also delivered 311 training sessions and certified more than 200 new trainers, strengthening capacity in schools, law enforcement, and communities. New tools, including asynchronous training and expanded student ambassador efforts, increased accessibility and engagement.

Safe2Tell strengthened strategic partnerships, collaborating with the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers to deliver training aligned with SB23-070 and continuing the Handle with Care pilot program with the Office of School Safety and partner districts.

The program expanded its educational resources by launching its first asynchronous training for teachers and staff – reaching more than 600 educators in the first year, developing new tools such as animated videos to reach diverse audiences, and growing the Student Ambassador Program to support peer-driven outreach.

These efforts reflect the Department's continued commitment to prevention, transparency, and ensuring that young people have trusted pathways to seek help.



The 2024-2025 Safe2Tell Student Ambassadors with Attorney General Phil Weiser and Safe2Tell staff.

DEFENDING THE RULE OF LAW

Defending the rule of law means safeguarding the constitutional freedoms and principles of equality and justice that underpin our nation's foundation. The Colorado Department of Law is committed to ensuring all Coloradans are protected by the rule of law and treated fairly.

DEFENDING COLORADO IN 2025

In 2025, Attorney General Weiser continued to defend the rule of law by challenging unlawful federal actions that threatened critical funding, public services, and constitutional protections for Coloradans.

Through this work, the Department helped secure the reinstatement of more than \$1.21 billion in federal funding, preserving critical resources that support health care, education, food security, and other essential services across Colorado.

To date, Colorado has prevailed in the majority of these cases, with many others still pending, reflecting both the strength of these legal challenges and the ongoing nature of this work.

Consistent with the Department's broader efforts to uphold constitutional principles and ensure lawful governance, this work included litigation and advocacy to:

- Protect access to health care and public health funding, including reproductive and gender-affirming care.
- Safeguard sensitive personal and financial data from unauthorized access.
- Defend civil rights protections in federal courts.
- Protect state authority to administer and safeguard elections.
- Uphold Colorado's common-sense public safety measures, including the state's large-capacity magazine limit law challenged by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Through these efforts, the Department reinforced the role of the courts in checking unlawful government action and ensuring that federal decisions comply with the law while protecting the rights, resources, and wellbeing of Coloradans.

PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS & ACCESS TO CARE



Attorney General Weiser continued efforts to protect individual rights and access to health care, particularly for vulnerable communities.

Colorado joined a multi-state lawsuit challenging federal actions that threatened access to gender-affirming care and sought to penalize health care providers offering that care. In 2026, a federal court ruled in favor of the states, permanently blocking enforcement of the policy and affirming that the federal government lacked authority to override professionally recognized standards of care established by the states.

The Department also filed a petition with the FDA regarding mifepristone, supporting continued access to reproductive health care and reinforcing Colorado's commitment to evidence-based medical policy.



\$1.21B

in federal funds
protected for Colorado



Attorney General Weiser speaks with a constituent at a Denver rally.

PRESERVING ECONOMIC FAIRNESS & STABILITY

Attorney General Weiser challenged federal actions affecting economic stability, consumer costs, and constitutional limits on executive authority.

Colorado joined multi-state litigation challenging federal tariffs imposed without congressional approval, arguing that the actions exceeded presidential authority and increased costs for consumers and businesses. Attorney General Weiser emphasized that the Constitution grants Congress — not the president — the authority to impose tariffs. After the U.S. Supreme Court struck down key portions of the tariff policy, Colorado filed additional legal action challenging subsequent tariffs that threatened further price increases and economic instability.



“ The Constitution gives Congress — not the president — the authority to impose tariffs. ”
- ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL WEISER -



PROTECTING CONSTITUTIONAL BOUNDARIES IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Department joined a multi-state court brief in *Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board v. Drummond*, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to reject the creation of the nation's first taxpayer-funded religious public charter school in Oklahoma. The court ultimately left in place a ruling blocking the proposed school, preserving constitutional protections governing publicly funded education.



SUPPORTING PUBLIC HEALTH & YOUTH WELLBEING

Attorney General Weiser continued to advocate for policies and programs that protect public health, strengthen prevention efforts, and reduce harm, particularly for young people and vulnerable communities.

In 2025, he led and joined multi-state lawsuits challenging federal actions that threatened public health infrastructure, behavioral health programs, and youth mental health services in Colorado. This included litigation to stop unlawful cuts to more than \$600 million in federal public health grants and efforts to preserve nearly \$10 million in federal funding supporting school-based youth mental health services across Colorado. Courts issued preliminary injunctions blocking the public health grant cuts while litigation proceeds, and a federal court permanently blocked efforts to terminate youth mental health funding.

The attorney general also joined multi-state efforts supporting federal action to prevent youth substance use and raise awareness of associated risks, reinforcing Colorado's commitment to prevention, education, and long-term community wellbeing.

SUPREME COURT CASES & LEGAL POSITIONS

In 2025, the Department also addressed significant legal developments affecting Colorado law and policy.

In *Chiles v. Salazar*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Colorado's law restricting conversion therapy for minors. Attorney General Weiser expressed disappointment in the decision and reaffirmed the state's commitment to protecting young people from practices widely rejected by major medical and mental health organizations as unsafe and ineffective.

“Colorado enacted a law to protect minors from so-called conversion therapy, a practice that every major medical and mental health association in the country has rejected as unsafe and ineffective. It does not change a young person's sexual orientation or gender identity. What it can do is cause serious harm, including depression, anxiety, and an increased risk of suicide.

- ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL WEISER -

Colorado continued efforts opposing the proposed Uinta Basin Railway Project, an 88-mile rail line intended to transport large volumes of crude oil through Colorado communities and along the Colorado River corridor. Attorney General Weiser supported litigation challenging the project over concerns related to wildfire risk, public safety, water resources, and environmental impacts associated with expanded oil transportation.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately ruled against *Eagle County in Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County*, Weiser warned the decision could weaken long-standing environmental review protections under federal law. Colorado later sued the Trump administration over an executive order declaring a national “energy emergency,” arguing the order unlawfully sought to bypass environmental protections and accelerate fossil fuel development projects.



UPHOLDING CONSTITUTIONAL CHECKS & BALANCES

A key component of the rule of law is maintaining the balance of power between branches of government and preserving the independence of critical institutions.

In *Trump v. CASA, Inc.*, Attorney General Weiser emphasized the importance of courts serving as a check on unlawful government action and preserving constitutional limits on executive authority.

In *Federal Communications Commission v. Consumers' Research*, he highlighted the importance of preserving programs like the Universal Service Fund, which expand access to essential telecommunications services.

The attorney general also led multi-state legal briefs to defend the independence of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and the Federal Trade Commission, reinforcing the importance of stable and independent governance.

IMPROVING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM & PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Protecting public safety and ensuring accountability remain core responsibilities of the Colorado Department of Law. In 2025, the Criminal Justice section continued to pursue complex criminal cases, strengthen enforcement tools, and support prevention efforts aimed at reducing harm across Colorado communities.

COMBATING FINANCIAL & INSURANCE FRAUD

Financial and insurance fraud remained a priority, with continued efforts to hold individuals accountable for schemes that harm consumers and undermine public trust.

In one case, an El Paso County man, Tra Jay Scarlett, was convicted for orchestrating a large-scale investment fraud scheme that illegally solicited millions of dollars from victims. This case reflects the ongoing efforts to protect Coloradans from sophisticated financial scams and ensure those responsible are brought to justice.



Investigations and prosecutions involving insurance fraud also advanced, helping prevent abuse of systems that are critical to protecting individuals and families.

DISRUPTING ORGANIZED CRIME

The Criminal Justice Section played a key role in investigating and prosecuting organized criminal activity, including drug trafficking, auto theft rings, and other coordinated operations that span jurisdictions.

In 2025, charges were filed against a drug trafficking ring operating in Colorado, targeting individuals responsible for distributing illegal substances across multiple communities. In a separate case, an Adams County man was sentenced to 12 years in prison for his role in a cocaine trafficking operation.

Additional efforts addressed organized retail and property crime, including charges in a lottery scratch ticket theft scheme and the disruption of a Western Slope auto theft ring that affected multiple communities.



34.5% ↓

Motor vehicle theft declined significantly from its peak, including a 34.5% decrease in 2025 compared to the previous year. Source: [Colorado Bureau of Investigation / Colorado Crime Trends 2025 Midyear Report \(opens new window\)](#)

Charges were also brought in a case involving a sex trafficking and organized crime operation, reinforcing Colorado's commitment to protecting vulnerable individuals and holding traffickers accountable.

Together, these efforts reflect a sustained focus on identifying and dismantling criminal networks that threaten public safety.



ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & PREVENTION

Domestic violence remains a critical public safety issue in Colorado. In 2025, findings showed an increase in domestic violence-related fatalities, underscoring the need for continued prevention and intervention.

Training and resources were expanded to support early intervention, including new Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) trainings for educators and law enforcement. These efforts equip partners across the state with tools to help prevent school violence, suicide, and other acts of harm.

PROSECUTING CONTRACTOR & LICENSING FRAUD

Work continued on cases involving contractor fraud and unlicensed professional activity, protecting consumers from deceptive practices that can result in financial loss and safety risks.

Ongoing prosecutions include cases involving companies such as Schwalb Builders, Sopris Solar, and Minimal Modular Modern Designs, as well as sentencing in fraudulent construction and contracting schemes. Due to the active nature of many of these cases, work remains ongoing to hold those responsible accountable through the legal process.

HOLDING INDIVIDUALS ACCOUNTABLE FOR PROFESSIONAL FRAUD

Cases were also brought against individuals who falsely represented professional credentials, putting the public at risk.

In one case, Shannon McShane pleaded guilty to falsifying credentials while serving as a parental evaluator. In another, Lauren Wilson was sentenced to six years for providing false information on a state application for paramedic certification.

These cases underscore the importance of maintaining standards in licensed professions and protecting Coloradans from individuals who misrepresent their qualifications.



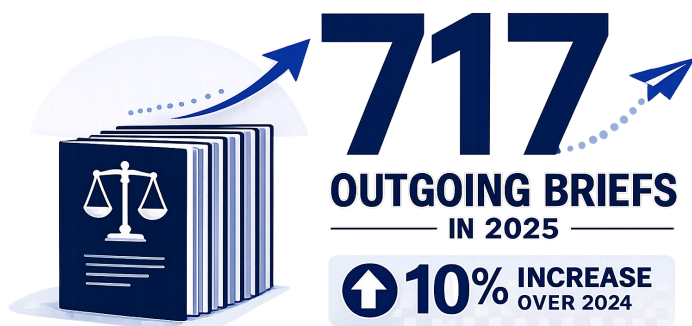
The Colorado POST Board documents and manages the certification and training of all active and reserve peace officers working for Colorado law enforcement agencies.

The POST Board establishes state standards for peace officer training and certification that remain realistic, relevant, and responsive to modern community needs. In 2025:



CRIMINAL APPEALS

The Criminal Appeals Section represents the state when defendants challenge their felony convictions in Colorado and federal appellate courts, always working to provide effective and ethical representation in all cases.



Cases handled by the section range from minor sentencing and post-conviction appeals to complicated white-collar crime, homicide, child abuse, and sexual assault cases. While most of the cases impact only the defendants and the victims directly involved, any given case may result in new published law decision having a significant impact on law enforcement procedures, criminal trials, and sentencing hearings, the Department of Corrections, or persons on probation, parole, or in county community corrections programs.

The Criminal Appeals Section attorneys are among the state's most experienced appellate advocates. In addition to their appellate litigation, they share their expertise in criminal law and appellate issues with the state's prosecutors and others through informal advice, presentations at meetings and training sessions, and case law updates to the Colorado District Attorneys Council.

Attorneys in the Criminal Appeals Section also comment on proposed legislation and serve on the Appellate Rules Committee and Criminal Rules Committee under appointments made by the Colorado Supreme Court.

UPHOLDING THE INTEGRITY OF COLORADO ELECTIONS

In August 2024, a Mesa County jury convicted former Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Tina Peters on seven charges, including four felonies, for her role in compromising the security of voting equipment. In early 2026, following an appeal, the Department's Criminal Appeals Section successfully defended the conviction, ensuring that the verdict for election tampering was upheld. The case represented one of the nation's most significant prosecutions involving election security and reaffirmed Colorado's commitment to protecting the integrity of its election systems. Later in 2026, the governor commuted Peters' prison sentence, though the felony convictions themselves remained in place.

CARR FELLOWS

The Criminal Appeals Section provides recent law school graduates with the opportunity to work with some of the state's most experienced appellate lawyers and obtain extensive brief-writing experience at the outset of their legal careers through the innovative Ralph L. Carr Appellate Fellowships Program. Carr Fellows brief approximately 20 appeals each year and conduct several oral arguments.

Carr Fellows also work with the state Solicitor General in preparing briefs and oral arguments, working on multi-state litigation, and advising Attorney General Weiser about a wide variety of federal and state constitutional issues.

Working in the Criminal Appeals Section offers Carr Fellows opportunities not always afforded to young lawyers, like working their own cases, writing briefs, and conducting oral arguments—thereby helping build a new class of qualified attorneys for public sector legal roles.

PROTECTING CONSUMERS

In 2025, the Colorado Department of Law continued to take action across a wide range of industries to ensure that businesses operate fairly, consumers are protected from harm, and markets remain competitive. Through enforcement, litigation, and public education, this work addressed both longstanding and emerging risks facing Coloradans.

COMBATING MEDICAID FRAUD & PROTECTING PATIENTS

The Medicaid Fraud, Abuse, and Neglect Unit (MFANU) investigates and prosecutes fraud involving health care providers while safeguarding vulnerable patients.

IN 2025



OVER
\$57M

in civil recoveries
ordered.



OVER
\$188K

in criminal restitution
ordered.



OVER
\$44K

in criminal restitution

— AND —

\$1.2M

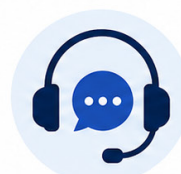
in civil recovery collected.



OPENED
177
NEW CASES

✓ 157 criminal and
civil fraud cases

✓ 20 abuse and
neglect cases



RECEIVED
473
COMPLAINTS.

In 2025, settlements were reached with providers including Vista Eye Care, Apex Vision and Wellness, and Just for Grins Vision over allegations they billed Medicaid for thousands of corrective lenses for children and young adults that were never actually provided. Investigators found the clinics submitted claims for multiple sets of lenses while providing only one set, resulting in unlawful Medicaid payments tied to thousands of claims.

Cases also advanced involving fraud in non-emergent medical transportation services, addressing misuse of public funds intended to ensure patients can access necessary care.

These actions help protect the integrity of Medicaid and ensure that public resources are used appropriately.



\$100M+

in court-ordered civil
recoveries through
Medicaid fraud
enforcement

REVIEWING MAJOR HEALTH CARE TRANSACTIONS

The Department also reviewed major health care transactions to ensure they served the public interest and protected access to care for Colorado communities. This included review of the proposed integration of Estes Park Health into UCHealth, evaluating potential impacts on affordability, access, and community health services.

PROTECTING RENTERS & HOMEOWNERS

Work expanded to address housing-related practices that directly affect affordability and financial stability for Colorado residents.

This included litigation addressing alleged rent-setting coordination and price fixing through RealPage's algorithmic pricing software, as well as enforcement against major property managers, including Greystar and Cortland. In 2025, Colorado secured a \$7 million settlement with Greystar to resolve claims that the company participated in an anticompetitive scheme that used shared rent-setting algorithms to reduce competition among landlords and drive-up rental prices for Coloradans. Agreements were also reached with Cortland related to the use of illegal rent-pricing software.

Colorado also joined a \$24 million multi-state settlement with the Federal Trade Commission over allegations that Greystar misled renters about costs and imposed millions of dollars in hidden fees.

Separate legal actions were taken against MV Realty and HomeOptions over unfair agreements affecting homeowners. The MV Realty settlement voided unlawful contracts for nearly 800 homeowners and protected them from \$8.4 million in potential harm.

These efforts promoted transparency, competition, and fairness in housing markets — one of the most significant areas of household expense for Colorado families.

PROMOTING COMPETITION & CHALLENGING MONOPOLIES

Colorado played a leading role in efforts to protect competition and prevent monopolistic practices.

In a major victory, a federal judge ruled in favor of the state in its lawsuit challenging Google's digital advertising monopoly. The decision found that Google engaged in anticompetitive conduct to maintain dominance in key markets, reinforcing the importance of fair competition in the modern economy. Advocacy also continued for remedies addressing Google's broader search monopoly.

In fall 2025, Attorney General Weiser led a coalition of states seeking to intervene in opposition to the proposed \$14 billion Hewlett Packard Enterprise–Juniper Networks merger, arguing the deal could reduce competition in the wireless networking market, limit innovation, and increase costs for consumers and businesses. In spring 2026, Weiser also urged the court to reject a proposed federal settlement resolving the case, arguing the agreement inadequately addressed antitrust concerns and risked undermining independent antitrust enforcement intended to protect consumers and fair competition.

ADDRESSING FRAUD & DECEPTIVE SCHEMES

Cases targeting fraudulent and deceptive business practices were pursued across multiple industries. This included action against a phony immigration services business, enforcement against Climb Investco LLC for deceptive student loan practices, and shutting down Ecom Automation Gurus, a company operating a “get-rich-quick” scheme.

LEADING NATIONAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS LIVE NATION & TICKETMASTER

The Department took a leadership role in litigation challenging Live Nation and Ticketmaster, over monopolistic practices in the live entertainment industry that squeezed out competition, jacked up ticket prices for consumers, and made it harder for fans to see their favorite artists.

While the U.S. Department of Justice reached a settlement during trial, Colorado, led by Attorney General Weiser and joined by other states, declined to join the agreement and continued to pursue the case. The states ultimately secured a jury verdict finding that Live Nation operates as a monopoly.



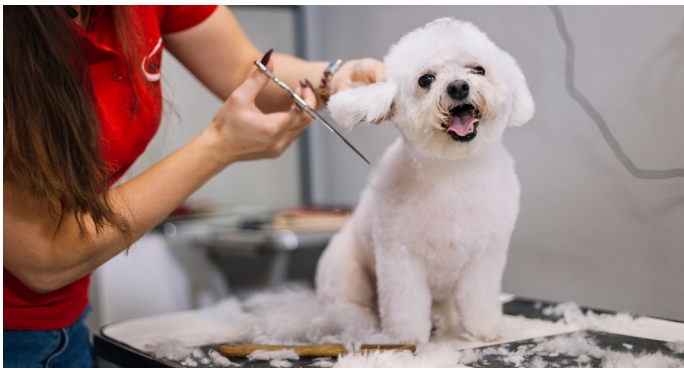
The case now moves into the remedies phase, where Colorado and the other plaintiff states will continue efforts to restore competition in the live entertainment marketplace, pursue structural changes to address the monopoly, and seek financial relief for consumers harmed by anticompetitive practices.

ADDRESSING ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES & WORKER PROTECTIONS

Action was taken against companies using unlawful training repayment agreement provisions (TRAPs), which can trap workers in jobs or impose unfair financial penalties.

This included enforcement against PetSmart and a settlement with HCA Healthcare, addressing training repayment policies that placed undue burdens on workers. These actions reinforce that employment practices must be fair and cannot restrict worker mobility through deceptive or coercive agreements.

As part of this work, affected PetSmart employees were eligible to receive settlement payments of up to \$5,500, helping them recover costs and move forward without unlawful financial obligations.



EMPOWERING CONSUMERS THROUGH ALERTS & EDUCATION

Consumer alerts continued to provide timely information to help Coloradans identify and avoid scams and emerging risks.

In 2025, alerts addressed:

- Blackmail phishing scams targeting individuals
- Risks associated with AI chatbots, particularly for young users
- Data privacy concerns related to 23andMe
- Jury duty scams designed to exploit public trust

These efforts help prevent harm before it occurs by equipping consumers with relevant and actionable information.

RETURNING MONEY TO CONSUMERS

Enforcement actions resulted in financial relief for consumers harmed by unlawful practices.

This included settlements with:

- TrueAccord, addressing improper debt collection practices
- Generic drug manufacturers, providing compensation tied to antitrust violations
- Compliance Services Colorado, stopping deceptive notices sent to businesses
- Four Star Realty, providing restitution to tenants affected by unlawful practices
- Instawork, resolving violations related to worker protections

These actions reflect a commitment to protecting consumers, securing meaningful relief when harm occurs, and promoting fairer business practices moving forward.



\$575M+

returned to consumers through refunds, credits, and debt relief

HOLDING DRUG COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE

Work continued to address unlawful practices in the pharmaceutical industry.

This included action against Pfizer related to migraine drug kickbacks and participation in a multi-state settlement with Gilead Sciences, Inc., securing more than \$200 million for illegal kickback schemes.

The Department also worked with federal partners to address the risks of counterfeit weight loss drugs, protecting consumers from unsafe and unregulated products.

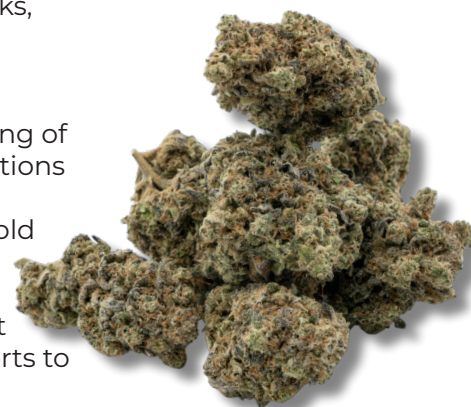


PROTECTING CONSUMERS IN EMERGING & REGULATED MARKETS

Enforcement continued in industries with evolving regulatory frameworks, including cannabis and emerging consumer products.

Actions included cases involving MC Global Holdings, CBDDY, Nuka Enterprises, and Foxhole Farms related to the unlawful sale and marketing of high-potency cannabis products falsely labeled as legal hemp. Investigations found some companies sold products containing illegal levels of THC, including products marketed in ways that appealed to minors or were sold without appropriate safeguards to prevent youth access.

The Department also issued a public advisory warning consumers about potential risks associated with kratom products, reinforcing broader efforts to improve consumer awareness and protect public health.



ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY ACROSS MAJOR INDUSTRIES

Accountability efforts also extended to large national and international companies.

This included:

- A settlement with Hyundai and Kia related to vehicles lacking anti-theft technology
- A settlement with Mercedes-Benz and Daimler in an emissions cheating case
- Action related to 23andMe's bankruptcy, addressing consumer data concerns
- Litigation involving Acme Revival, protecting consumers in bankruptcy proceedings

PROTECTING LAND, AIR, & WATER

Colorado's natural resources are central to the state's economy, environment, and quality of life. In 2025, work to protect these resources advanced through litigation, rulemaking, and collaboration with state and local partners, ensuring that environmental protections remain strong while supporting responsible development.

PROTECTING COLORADO'S WATER

Water remains one of Colorado's most critical and contested resources. In 2025, efforts focused on strengthening water quality protections, defending water rights, and advancing interstate agreements.



\$13.5B+

Helping Colorado water systems access nationwide PFAS settlements totaling over \$13.5 billion

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PROTECTION FOR COLORADO WATERS

Regulation #87 safeguards wetlands and seasonal streams following federal rollbacks

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett v. EPA*, which narrowed federal protections for certain waters, Colorado acted to fill the gap. Working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, support was provided for the development and adoption of Regulation #87—a first-of-its-kind state program protecting wetlands and seasonal streams essential to ecosystems and communities across Colorado.

DEFENDING COLORADO'S WATER RIGHTS

Efforts also continued to defend Colorado's water interests in interstate and federal matters. This included opposing Nebraska's attempt to bring a case before the U.S. Supreme Court related to the South Platte River Compact, reaffirming Colorado's compliance and protecting its water rights.

Colorado also responded to Nebraska's lawsuit over the proposed Perkins County Canal project, defending Colorado water users, agricultural communities, and regional water resiliency along the South Platte River. Attorney General Weiser criticized the proposal as a costly and divisive approach that could lead to decades of litigation while failing to produce durable solutions for either state. He instead emphasized the importance of cooperation and collaboration to support the long-term success of agricultural communities in both Colorado and Nebraska.

In addition, Colorado supported a proposed settlement in *Texas v. New Mexico and Colorado*, helping preserve state authority while ensuring fair water distribution.

Engagement also remained ongoing in efforts to protect the Colorado River. This included supporting legal challenges and advocacy related to the Uinta Basin Railway project, which poses risks from increased oil transport, as well as participating in negotiations over long-term management of the river system.

LANDMARK WATER PROTECTION EFFORT

Shoshone water rights acquisition secures long-term flows on the Colorado River

In a major conservation milestone, support was provided for the acquisition of Shoshone water rights, securing permanent instream flows along the Colorado River. This effort protects critical habitat, supports agriculture and recreation, and helps ensure reliable water supplies for communities across the state.

PROTECTING CLEAN AIR & ADVANCING CLIMATE GOALS

In 2025, significant legal and regulatory wins strengthened Colorado's air quality programs and climate strategy.

A Tenth Circuit decision upheld federal action on portions of Colorado's ozone control plan, and the state's Disproportionately Impacted Community Permitting Rule was successfully defended—affirming Colorado's authority to prioritize environmental justice in permitting decisions.

Policies to reduce emissions and improve public health also advanced, including methane reduction efforts in oil and gas operations, adoption of health-based standards for priority air toxics, and modernization of vehicle emissions testing in the Front Range.

HOLDING POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE

Criminal charges filed for falsified emissions testing records

Enforcement efforts addressed violations that threaten air quality and public health. This included the indictment of a gasoline transport company and its owners for repeatedly submitting falsified emissions testing records.

PROTECTING LAND, WILDLIFE, & COMMUNITIES

Efforts to protect Colorado's land, wildlife, and communities advanced through enforcement, legal advocacy, and support for responsible land management.

In Costilla County, support was provided for efforts to protect long-standing community land rights in a legal dispute involving Cielo Vista Ranch, opposing fencing that would restrict historic access to shared lands. These actions reflect a commitment to preserving both legal rights and cultural traditions tied to Colorado's landscapes.

Additional enforcement addressed environmental harm, including cases involving hazardous waste violations and efforts to recover cleanup costs at contaminated sites. These actions help ensure that responsible parties are held accountable while protecting communities from long-term risk.

EXPANDING RECYCLING STATEWIDE

New producer responsibility program will bring free recycling services to Colorado communities. Work also helped guide the development of Colorado's Extended Producer Responsibility program, which will expand recycling access and reduce waste statewide. Rulemaking efforts also advanced measures to reduce freshwater use and increase recycling in oil and gas operations.



SUPPORTING CLEAN ENERGY & RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

As Colorado continues its transition to a cleaner energy future, work advanced policies that support reliability, affordability, and environmental sustainability.

This included supporting innovative energy projects such as the Thermal Energy Network pilot and participating in regulatory proceedings to ensure that major utility investments balance system reliability with cost control for consumers.

Efforts also protected Colorado's clean energy progress at the federal level, including actions to restore funding for electric vehicle infrastructure and challenges to federal actions that could delay wind energy development, and \$600 million in federal funding for advanced energy projects throughout the state.

INVESTING IN COLORADO'S ENERGY FUTURE

Advancing clean energy projects while protecting affordability and reliability

Work also supported the development of new regulatory frameworks for emerging technologies, including carbon capture and geothermal energy, helping position Colorado as a leader in responsible energy innovation.

BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION

The Department pays for its operations through four main funds, which are designated for specific uses: general fund, cash funds, reappropriated funds, and federal funds. The Department has a \$153 million appropriated budget and 715 employees.

GENERAL FUND

The General Assembly determines how state revenues are allocated to various state government agencies, including the Department of Law. The State General Fund supports Department employee positions in the following sections, units, offices, and programs:

- Division of Community Engagement/Safe2Tell;
- Special Prosecutions;
- Criminal Appeals;
- Medicaid Fraud;
- Federal Interstate and Water Unit;
- Patterns and Practices;
- and Consumer Protection Section

The Department also receives approximately \$2.9 million from the General Fund in pass-through funds to assist with district attorney salaries, \$350,000 for district attorney training, and \$600,000 for district attorney assistance for bond hearings grants. This pass-through funding mechanism is designated by state statute.

CASH FUNDS

Cash funds derive from sources such as fees and legal settlement dollars. These funds include money the Department received from settlements that has a specific purpose, such as when a consumer protection-related settlement specifies that money will be paid to the state for continued consumer protection efforts.

They also include funding for enforcing the Uniform Consumer Credit Code, regulating operations for the student loan servicer industry, the Colorado Peace Officers and Standards Board, insurance fraud, and other litigation and regulatory efforts.

REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

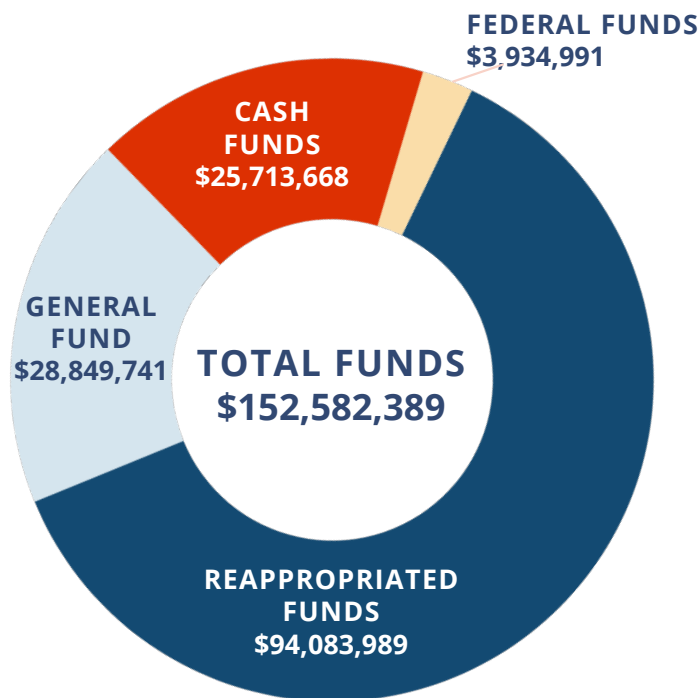
Reappropriated funds are funds appropriated, or designated for specific purpose, more than once in the same fiscal year and typically are transferred from one agency or budget line item to another.

The Department provides a variety of legal services for other state agencies, and these efforts operate out of a specific cash fund. As this money comes from other state agencies, these dollars and spending authority are considered “reappropriated” within the state budget system, as they are already counted prior to the Department receiving the funds. Additionally, the Department receives funds from the Department of Regulatory Agencies and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to fund securities fraud, mortgage fraud, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act efforts.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Administration Section are funded through indirect recoveries (overhead) on the Department cash funds and the Medicaid Fraud grant. These dollars are budgeted as reappropriated for these efforts, because their first appropriation is as cash and federal funds in the Department’s budget bill.

FEDERAL FUNDS

Funds provided from the federal government are received to support the Medicaid Fraud, Abuse and Neglect Unit. Learn more about the Department’s budget at coag.gov/resources/budget-and-accounting/ ([opens new window](#)).



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