



KENTUCKY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL JACK CONWAY

2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Medicaid Fraud & Abuse

- ▶ Reorganized Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control to devote additional investigators to elder abuse and neglect case.
- ▶ Charged 21 individuals or entities relating to abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults in 2010, bringing the total number of charges to 55.
- ▶ Awarded or recovered more than \$20.3 million in 2010 for the Kentucky Medicaid program and taxpayers. Since General Conway took office in 2008, his office has been awarded or recovered more than \$141 million for this vital state program.
- ▶ Increased Medicaid fraud recoveries by more than 600% since Attorney General Conway took office in 2008.

Rate Intervention

- ▶ Rate increase settlement with E.ON U.S., the parent company for LG&E and Kentucky Utilities, saving ratepayers nearly \$68 million.
- ▶ Reached settlement with Columbia Gas of Kentucky that reduced the company's demand for a rate hike by nearly 50%, resulting in a \$5.44 million decrease from the original request.
- ▶ Settlement with Duke Energy reduced the company's original request for a rate increase by more than 25% or \$4.49 million.
- ▶ Total savings for Kentucky ratepayers in 2010 was more than \$127.5 million. Since 2008, Attorney General Conway has saved ratepayers \$230.3 million in proposed rate increases.



Drug Diversion

- ▶ Launched statewide initiative with government partners and concerned parents to alert Kentucky families, particularly teens, to the dangers of abusing prescription drugs.
 - Effort included prescription drug prevention and education programs at middle and high schools, PSA Contest for Kentucky students, distribution of RX abuse informational posters to Kentucky pharmacies, prescription drug abuse information page on the Attorney General's website at <http://ag.ky.gov/rxabuse> and a video telling the stories of two Kentucky moms who lost daughters to prescription drug overdoses.
- ▶ Statewide Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force opened 91 investigations and made nine arrests on 30 counts. Since 2008, the Drug Branch has opened 377 investigations, made 118 arrests and seized nearly 4,500 illegal pills.
- ▶ Participated in 14 drug round-ups.
- ▶ Trained more than 800 prosecutors and law enforcement in prescription drug diversion



Consumer Protection

- ▶ Launched investigation into the questionable business practices of seven of Kentucky's for-profit schools. Issued civil subpoenas to schools with high student loan default rates.
- ▶ Announced agreement with Student Loan Xpress, Inc. resulted in a \$3.6 million reduction in the loan obligations for students who attended a now bankrupt West Kentucky law school.
- ▶ Attorney General Conway led a nationwide effort to stop abuses on the popular Internet message board website Topix.com. With the support of 34 attorneys general, an agreement was reached with Topix to eliminate the website's \$19.99 fee for "priority review" of abusive or inappropriate posts.
- ▶ Conducted 48 Senior Crime Colleges reaching 1,937 participants.

Cybercrimes & Cybersafety Education

- ▶ Launched 65 new investigations in 2010, bringing the total number of investigations since General Conway created the Cybercrimes Unit in 2008 to 188.
- ▶ Seized more than 145,000 child pornographic images and videos from the Internet, bringing the total number seized to more than 191,000.
- ▶ Made 14 arrests; 33 since 2008.
- ▶ Digital forensic lab processed more than 1,900 hard drives and removable devices in 2010, bringing the total number examined since 2008 to 2,688. This puts crucial digital evidence now involved in approximately 80% of crimes into the hands of law enforcement and prosecutors more quickly.
- ▶ Conducted 45 Internet safety programs reaching nearly 13,000 participants.



Special Prosecutions

- ▶ Assembled and implemented an Election Integrity Task Force to oversee the May Primary and November General Election.
- ▶ Oversaw investigation and grand jury presentation of post-election audits in six randomly chosen Kentucky counties.
- ▶ Obtained 74-count indictment against James Tackett, administrator of the Golden Years Rest Home in Letcher County for allegedly stealing federal and state funds designated for the care of disabled residents. Tackett's daughter, Kimberly Price, was also indicted.
- ▶ Prosecuted Cybercrimes case involving Michael Dumas of Marshall County. A jury convicted Dumas on four counts of distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor, among other charges. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Criminal Appeals

- ▶ Sought and was granted review in the U.S. Supreme Court in *Kentucky v. King*, a case that centered on when police officers may search without a warrant.
- ▶ Obtained a U.S. Department of Justice grant to provide four years of statewide training for commonwealth attorneys who practice capital case litigation.
- ▶ Filed 651 briefs containing 1,987 issues, thus defending 651 criminal convictions in the Commonwealth.

Civil & Environmental Law

- ▶ Issued 231 Open Records and Open Meetings Appeals decisions.
- ▶ Provided legal representation for 18 state agencies and 38 licensure boards.
- ▶ Received requests and accepted legal services for 485 new litigation cases in 2010 which brings the total number of open litigation cases to 1,112.
- ▶ Continued representation of the Commonwealth in the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, which in 2010 resulted in an additional \$105 million for funding specific state programs.



Other Accomplishments

- ▶ Launched the **KY Kids Alert** program with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to alert parents and child-care providers about the importance of child product recall information. Because of this effort, nearly 3,000 Kentucky child-care centers and certified family child-care homes are now receiving these potentially lifesaving recall alerts.
- ▶ Worked with state partners to implement the **Electronic Warrant Management System (eWarrants)** in 16 of Kentucky's rural counties under the \$3.9 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant awarded to the Attorney General's Office in 2009. Counties with eWarrant system have seen their service rates on arrest warrants jump from about 25% to as high as 80%. Goal is to have eWarrants in 100 of the state's rural counties by end of 2011.

