

# Monthly Columns

by Attorney General Jack Conway



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It was a tremendous honor to be sworn in on January 2, 2012 for a second term as Kentucky's 49th Attorney General. The past four years have been the most rewarding and challenging of my professional life. Despite unprecedented budget cuts, my staff and I have accomplished a great deal. We have not only maintained the mission critical functions of this office, we have implemented many new initiatives that reflect my commitment to standing up for Kentucky families.

My staff and I would like to share some of the highlights of our many accomplishments over the past four years.

## Combating Prescription Drug Abuse

- Created Kentucky's first statewide prescription drug abuse task force to focus on investigations into doctor shopping, drug trafficking, overprescribing physicians and illegal out-of-state pharmacies.
- Participated in Operation Flamingo Road, Kentucky's largest prescription drug bust.
- Alerted thousands of middle and high school students to the dangers of prescription drug abuse by launching statewide Keep Kentucky Kids Safe program.

## Cybercrimes & Cybersafety

- Created Cybercrimes Unit to combat crimes that occur online.
- Launched more than 250 child porn investigations and seized more than 300,000 child pornographic images and videos from the Internet.
- Examined more than 5,600 hard drivers and removable devices.

## Combating Medicaid Fraud & Elder Abuse

- Increased Medicaid fraud collections by 600 percent with recoveries/awards totaling more than \$215.6 million.
- Launched more than 100 abuse and neglect investigations; more than any previous attorney general.

## Rate Intervention

- Intervened in rate cases before the Public Service Commission (PSC), resulting in savings of nearly \$825 million for Kentucky rate payers.

## Making our Communities Safer

- Utilizing an ARRA grant, funded implementation of eWarrants in 99 of Kentucky's rural counties, bringing the total number of counties utilizing eWarrants to 115, nearly the entire state.
- Launched KY Kids Alert program to alert Kentucky parents and child care providers about important child product recalls. Approximately 3,000 Kentucky child care centers and family child care homes now receive safety recall alert information.

## Protecting Kentucky Consumers

- Launched investigation into the questionable business practices of some of Kentucky's for-profit colleges.
- Reached agreement with Student Loan Xpress for \$3.6 million in loan reductions for students of now defunct American Justice School of Law in Paducah.
- Reached settlements totaling \$107,500 with eight retail stations as part of a gas price-gouging investigation in wake of Hurricane Ike and Kentucky's windstorm.
- Led nationwide effort to stop abuses on Topix.com.

I am proud of all that we have accomplished for Kentucky families and I am honored and humbled to continue serving the citizens of this great Commonwealth.

As I embark on my second term, I am reminded of the words of immortal Kentucky lawmaker Henry Clay, "Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees. And both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people."

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