Josh Shapiro serves as Pennsylvania’s Attorney General to combat crime, uphold individual rights and protect consumers. He is the sixth person elected to the office, and was sworn in on January 17, 2017 as the Commonwealth’s top lawyer and chief law enforcement officer with a mandate to ensure integrity and be the people’s Attorney General.

Throughout his career as a public servant, Josh has risen above politics and taken on the status quo to protect Pennsylvanians.

Some of his top priorities include: protecting seniors, veterans, small businesses and consumers from scams and fraud; implementing a comprehensive integrity agenda to ensure people from across the Commonwealth are heard and have faith in the justice system; and directing an aggressive fight against the heroin and opioid epidemic, including treatment for those suffering from addiction.
The Criminal Law Division protects Pennsylvanians by prosecuting crimes including drug trafficking, child predators, organized crime, public corruption, insurance fraud and environmental crimes. The division leads the Attorney General’s fight against the heroin epidemic and handles complex investigations in partnership with state and federal law enforcement.

The Civil Law Division upholds Pennsylvania’s Constitution and represents the Commonwealth in legal proceedings. The division’s many responsibilities include defending state agencies and state laws, collecting debts owed to the Commonwealth, and reviewing state contracts and agency regulations to ensure they comply with the law.

The Public Protection Division takes on scams and deceptive business practices to protect consumers from being ripped off – whether it’s $30 from an unfair fee or $30,000 due to deceptive lending practices. The division handles disputes against businesses, ensures market competition through antitrust enforcement, oversees nonprofits, and upholds civil rights and labor protections by prosecuting patterns of discrimination. Each year, the office recovers millions of dollars for the Commonwealth and individual Pennsylvanians.

The Office of Public Engagement prevents crime through outreach in communities across Pennsylvania. The office teaches young adults and parents about drug addiction and shows seniors how to avoid becoming the victim of a scam. Request a presentation and access resources from the office online.

“As Attorney General, my job is to protect the rights, health and safety of all Pennsylvanians. From combatting the heroin epidemic on every front to standing up for consumers when they’ve been ripped off I’m not afraid to take on the big fights to enforce the law without fear or favor.”

25,000 consumer complaints

$215 million returned to the Commonwealth

75 child predators arrested

603 charged with drug-related offenses such as heroin - only 1 acquittal

50 tons of prescription drugs destroyed in drug takebacks

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A year in the Office of Attorney General at a glance

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