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Attorney General Anthony Brown Establishes Office of the Solicitor General to Lead Maryland's Appellate Advocacy *Premier Legal Team to Handle Appellate Cases in State and Federal Courts*

BALTIMORE, MD (November 4, 2024) – Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced the creation of the *Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)* within the Maryland Office of the Attorney General (OAG), a new division dedicated to overseeing the state's appellate litigation in both state and federal courts. The Attorney General has also appointed Julia Doyle, a seasoned appellate litigator and current Chief of the OAG'S Civil Division, as the new Solicitor General, effective January 8, 2025.

The creation of the OSG is budget neutral and aligns Maryland with more than 40 states and territories that have appointed a Solicitor General to coordinate and promote consistency in appellate work across all divisions of the Attorney General's office. The OSG will manage both civil and criminal appeals in all state and federal courts.

The OSG will streamline how appeals are managed, making the process more efficient and effective, and will ensure that Marylanders continue to benefit from strong legal advocacy, robust protection of their rights, and a consistent defense of the state's laws in the highest courts.

"The new Office of the Solicitor General will enhance the Office of the Attorney General's long tradition of excellence in appellate advocacy at the highest levels of our judicial system," **said Attorney General Brown.** "I am confident that Maryland's interests will be well-represented in the courts, and that we will continue to protect and defend the laws and values of our state."

Julia Doyle is a distinguished appellate attorney who has argued over 135 cases before the Supreme Court of Maryland and has extensive experience in federal courts; for example, she successfully represented the petitioner in the Supreme Court of the United States in *Ross v. Blake* (2016). Ms. Doyle is currently serving served as Chief of Litigation in the Civil Division at OAG, where she oversaw hundreds of appellate briefs and provided strategic guidance on some of Maryland's most significant legal matters.

“I am honored to take on this new role as Solicitor General,” **said Ms. Doyle.** “The creation of the Office of the Solicitor General marks a new chapter for the Office of the Attorney General, one that will allow us to better serve the people of Maryland through a more focused and strategic approach to appellate advocacy.”

The OSG will collaborate with divisions across OAG, as well as with agency client offices, to ensure Maryland’s legal positions are consistently represented in court and that the State’s legal positions are consistent and aligned with its policy objectives. The OSG will also coordinate with other state attorneys general to address issues of national importance.

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