8.02 DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS.

Subdivision 1. **Appointment of deputies and assistants.** The attorney general may appoint, and at pleasure remove, six deputy attorneys general and 35 assistant attorneys general. The appointees shall render such aid as is required of them in the discharge of the official duties of the attorney general. To the extent authorized in writing by the attorney general, they shall have authority to appear before grand juries or in any court of this state, as the attorney general personally might do.

The attorney general shall have power to employ such assistance, whether lay, legal, or expert, as the attorney general deems necessary for the protection of the interests of the state through the proper conduct of its legal business.

Subd. 2. **Record keeping.** The attorney general shall:

(1) keep a record of official correspondence and of all matters presented by the governor, auditor, commissioner of management and budget, secretary of state, or any officer or board in charge of the business of the state upon which any official action is necessary;

(2) keep a record of all legal proceedings that the attorney general's office institutes or appears in and the several steps taken therein; and

(3) make official opinions in writing and file the opinions in the attorney general's office.

History: *(110) 1905 c 227 s 2; 1911 c 56 s 1; 1917 c 61 s 1; 1919 c 272 s 1; 1931 c 211 s 1; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1973 c 720 s 68; 1975 c 156 s 1; 1977 c 172 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 335 s 1; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109*