



**ATTORNEY GENERAL
MIKE COX**

When Mike Cox was sworn into his second term as Michigan's Attorney General on January 1, 2007, he renewed a commitment to protect the people of Michigan. As the top law enforcement official in Michigan, Cox has delivered record-setting performances on behalf of consumers, children, and seniors.

From 2003-2006, Cox's Consumer Protection Division returned a record \$43.4 million to the citizens and the state of Michigan. During the same period, he prevented \$1.78 billion in utility rate increases that would have come directly out of the pockets of Michigan's consumers and businesses.

Within days of taking office, Attorney General Mike Cox created the Child Support Division – a first-of-its-kind state Attorney General program to collect child support. By combining public awareness with targeted prosecutions, the division collected more than \$35 million on behalf of more than 3,500 Michigan children in its first four years.

In addition to his groundbreaking work for children, Cox reorganized the Child and Public Protection Unit, making Michigan one of the most aggressive states in the nation to tackle the growing problem of Internet predators.

To help educate children, teachers, and parents about computer and Internet safety, Cox created the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI). These presentations for kindergarten through eighth grade students teach children about how to stay safe online.

In 2003, Cox formed the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) to prosecute public corruption and solve cold case homicides. With thousands of cases, this elite staff of prosecutors and investigators solves complex cases and provides unparalleled expertise, training, and assistance as it works with local law enforcement. In 2004, Cox's OSI successfully prosecuted mass murderer Coral Watts for a 1979 Michigan murder and sent him to prison for life. The OSI solved the 18-year-old missing hunters case; and, in 2005, this unit sent the former Oakland Intermediate School District Superintendent to jail for misconduct in office. To date, Cox's OSI has also conducted more than 50 public corruption investigations.

Michigan's population is aging, and Attorney General Mike Cox is committed to protecting Michigan seniors from abuse and neglect. To safeguard seniors, Cox helped draft legislation creating mandatory criminal background checks for all employees who care for Michigan's vulnerable adults, including nursing home employees.

Cox also successfully pushed for the creation of a broad-based, user-friendly drug cost website, saving citizens hundreds of dollars a year by enabling seniors and consumers to comparison shop for 150 of the most commonly prescribed drugs.

A leader in the fight against health care fraud, Attorney General Cox's Health Care Fraud Division has collected more money – over \$70 million – in just four years than was collected by the division in its previous 24 years of existence.

Mike Cox began his career serving in the Marines. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, then worked in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in Detroit. In 2000, Cox was appointed Director of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Homicide Unit. Mike and his wife, Laura, a former federal agent and current Wayne County Commissioner, have four children.