

## **Served and Settled:**

The Texas Attorney General is composed of hundreds of lawyers who work to uphold the state laws and constitution while protecting its citizens through legal action. Lawyers review thousands of cases and millions of documents five minutes away from campus, dealing with everything from child protective services to corporate oversight. Most occupations whether in the private or public sector are inevitably connected to some work at this state level. In order to appreciate and understand the importance of the agency here are a couple tasks:

- 1.) Visit the website of the Attorney General at <https://www.oag.state.tx.us/>. Click on the “About the Agency” tab and read the Duties and Responsibilities of the Office of the Attorney General.
- 2.) On the same page review the divisions found in the right-hand column and pick one that interests you. Then, to see if you understand the summary of the division’s tasks, write a hypothetical case in which the division would have jurisdiction. Include a background for the hypothetical situation, an explanation of why the division ought to get involved, and what the division might do. Hint: the tab “News Releases” might be helpful in sparking ideas.
- 3.) Click on the “Consumer Protection” tab on the front page. Click on the “Major Lawsuits” tab and choose one of the listed lawsuits. First, write the name of the lawsuit and the parties involved. Then, write an analysis explaining the position of both the defendant and the prosecution. State which side the verdict favored and under what grounds. Finally, explain if you agree with the ruling and why. Note that some links will only provide you with a press release without a copy of the lawsuit or agreement, so third party media sources may be needed to help you write the analysis.

The hypothetical case and the listed lawsuit analysis should be one page each. (Two pages total.)