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## ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN SINCE 1836

### APPOINTED.

DANIEL LEROY .....	July 18th, 1836-1837
PETER MOREY .....	March 21st, 1837-1841
ZEPHANIAH PLATT .....	March 4th, 1841-1843
ELON FARNSWORTH .....	March 9th, 1843-1845
HENRY N. WALKER .....	March 24th, 1845-1847
EDWARD MUNDY .....	March 12th, 1847-1848
GEORGE V. N. LOTHROP .....	April 3rd, 1848-1850

### ELECTED.

WILLIAM HALE .....	1861-1864
JACOB M. HOWARD .....	1865-1866
CHARLES UPSON .....	1861-1864
ALBERT WILLIAMS .....	1865-1866
WILLIAM L. SFOUGHTON .....	1867-1868
DWIGHT MAY .....	1869-1872
BYRON D. BALL (a) .....	1873-1874
ISAAC MARSTON .....	April 1st, 1874-1874
ANDREW J. SMITH .....	1875-1876
OTTO KIRCHNER .....	1877-1880
JACOB J. VAN RIFER .....	1881-1884
MOSES TAGGERT .....	1885-1888
STEPHEN V. R. TROWBRIDGE (b) .....	1889-1890
BENJAMIN W. HUSTON .....	March 25th, 1890-1890
ADOLPHUS A. ELLIS .....	1891-1894
FRED A. MAYNARD .....	1895-1896
HORACE M. OREN .....	1899-1902
CHARLES A. BLAIR .....	1903-1904
JOHN E. BIRD (c) .....	1905-1910
FRANZ C. KUHN (d) .....	June 7th, 1910-1912
ROGER I. WYKES .....	September 6th, 1912-1912
GRANT FELLOWS .....	1918-1916
ALEX. J. GROESBECK .....	1917-1920

(a) resigned April 1st, 1874. Isaac Marston appointed to fill vacancy.

(b) resigned March 25th, 1890. Benjamin W. Huston appointed to fill vacancy.

(c) resigned June 6th, 1910. Franz C. Kuhn appointed to fill vacancy.

(d) resigned September 6th, 1912. Roger I. Wykes appointed to fill vacancy.





## ANNUAL REPORT 1920

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STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
Attorney General's Office,  
July 1st, 1920.

To the Legislature of the State of Michigan:

In compliance with the law, I have the honor herewith to present the annual report of the business of this Department for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1920, including official opinions and an abstract of the official reports of the Prosecuting Attorneys of the counties of the State, showing the number of prosecutions, convictions, acquittals, etc.

Four indexes are included: a "Table of Cases," an "Index of Names of Opinions," "Subjects of Opinions," and "General Index to Report."

The various matters contained in this Report are arranged as Schedules "A" to "S," inclusive, and are classified as follows:

SCHEDULE A.—Statement of criminal cases, habeas corpus cases, and requisitions.

SCHEDULE B.—Statement of mandamus and certiorari cases.

SCHEDULE C.—Statement of quo warranto and miscellaneous cases.

SCHEDULE D.—Statement of chancery cases in State courts and cases in equity in United States Courts.

SCHEDULE E.—Statement of proceedings for the collection of escheated estates.

SCHEDULE F.—Statement of inheritance tax proceedings.

SCHEDULE G.—Statement of proceedings relative to insane persons confined in State hospitals, containing: (a) statement of money collected and paid to the State through the efforts of Attorney General, with the co-operation of medical superintendents of the various hospitals, Auditor General and judges of probate, as reimbursement to the State for the support of certain insane persons in State hospitals, (b) statement of status of proceedings for reimbursement.

SCHEDULE H.—Statement of assumpsit, ejection, petition to vacate plats, trespass on the case and removal of officers' proceedings.

SCHEDULE I.—Statement showing amount received from various telephone and railroad companies, etc., in delinquent taxes; statement of

amounts recovered as reimbursements for "costs of suits," and also refunding on costs of suits for the year ending June 30, 1920.

SCHEDULE J.—List of insurance companies whose articles of association, amendments to articles of association, etc., have been approved; and statement of the approval fees received and paid to State Treasurer.

SCHEDULE K.—Summary statement covering, approximately, all amounts collected and paid to the State, through the Attorney General, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920.

SCHEDULE L.—Official opinions of the Attorney General.

SCHEDULE M.—Abstract of the semi-annual reports of the prosecuting attorneys for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920.

SCHEDULE N.—Recapitulation of the semi-annual reports of the prosecuting attorneys for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920.

SCHEDULE O.—List of prosecuting attorneys, in office June 30, 1920, with names of county seats and postoffice addresses.

SCHEDULE P.—Index—Tables of cases.

SCHEDULE Q.—Index of names of opinions.

SCHEDULE R.—Index to subjects of opinions.

SCHEDULE S.—Index—General index to report.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX J. GROESBECK,  
Attorney General.