

The Maryland Blue Sky Advisory Committee, created by Chapter 1, Acts of 1962, consists of six members appointed by the Governor for staggered terms of three years each. The Committee functions without compensation and has no staff. It selects its own chairperson. The Committee meets when called by the Securities Commissioner for the purpose of giving him advice on any and all matters pertaining to the administration of the Maryland Securities Act, particularly on the adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules, regulations, or forms (Code Corporations and Associations Article, sec. 11-202).

DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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The Consumer Protection Division was created by Chapter 388, Acts of 1967, and is headed by an Assistant Attorney General who is Chief of the Division. The Division is concerned with the control and regulation of unfair and deceptive trade practices and is responsible for the enforcement of certain civil and criminal provisions provided by the Act. The Division is also charged with the responsibility of recommending to the Governor and the General Assembly legislation to protect the public from fraudulent schemes and promotions.

The Division reports to the appropriate law enforcement officers any information concerning violations of laws affecting consumers. It seeks to assist, develop, and conduct programs of consumer education and information through publications and other informational and educational materials prepared for dissemination to the consuming public. The Division undertakes activities to encourage business and industry to maintain high standards of honesty, fair business practices, and public responsibility in the production, promotion, and sale of consumer goods and services (Code Commercial Law Article, secs. 13-101 through 13-501).

CONSUMER COUNCIL

Chairperson: Melvin A. Myerson, 1986

Stanley Kaufman, 1984; Leroy Bouldin, 1986; Eileen Z. Katz, 1986; Barbara B. Gregg, 1988; Sarah L. Jenkins, 1988; A. Kimbrough Sherman, 1988; *two vacancies.*

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Created in 1974 as part of the Division of Consumer Protection, the Consumer Council advises the Division on general goals, undertakes studies and reports, and fosters cooperation among federal, State, and local agencies and private groups (Chapter 609, Acts of 1974).

The Council consists of the Division Chief and nine members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. Three members represent consumer groups or interests, three represent business groups or interests, and three represent the private sector. They serve without compensation for staggered terms of six years. The Council has a staff of one. It selects its own chairperson (Code Commercial Law Article, sec. 13-202).

Regular meetings of the Council are scheduled for the second Monday of each month, September through July.

ANTITRUST DIVISION

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The Antitrust Division was created by Chapter 357, Acts of 1972, and is headed by an Assistant Attorney General. The Division is concerned with enforcing the Maryland Antitrust Act, which governs restraints of trade, unfair competition, monopolies, and other acts or practices that restrain or tend to restrain trade and commerce within the State of Maryland. The Act calls for both civil and criminal enforcement of its provisions and permits the Attorney General to cooperate with officials of the federal government and the several states in the enforcement of the antitrust laws (Code Commercial Law Article, secs. 11-201 through 11-213).