

# Oklahoma

## Office of the Attorney General

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### Annual Report of Private Attorney Contracts

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*Fiscal Year 2014*



The Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General is required by Title 74, Section 20i(G) of Oklahoma Statutes to produce a written report on the private legal representation obtained by state agencies. This report is to include a brief description of each contract, the circumstances necessitating each contract, and the amount paid under each contract.

The Attorney General has made it a priority to reduce the amount of taxpayer dollars spent on private attorney contracts by increasing the number of state agencies the office represents through the General Counsel and Litigation units of the office. Again this year, our efforts have paid off as over \$200,000 was saved on contracted expenditures. The Attorney General has reduced spending on private attorney contracts by \$4.59 million during his first term.

The goal of the Attorney General is to continue bringing more legal representation into the office thereby reducing taxpayer dollars spent on legal representation, increasing accountability for the legal work performed on behalf of Oklahoma, and enhancing the oversight of the legal services that the Attorney General's Office is providing. This year, as the data for the report was collected, we received information from various agencies that moneys had been spent on private attorney contracts even though the approval process had not been utilized. With this information in mind, the Office of the Attorney General will continue to work with the various state agencies, boards, colleges and universities to not only provide legal services on behalf of the State of Oklahoma but also do so in the most cost effective manner.

The Attorney General is pleased to present all reported private attorney contracts obtained during the Fiscal Year 2014 for your review.

**COMPARISON CHART OF  
FY 14 TOTALS TO FY 13 TOTALS**

Agency #	AGENCY	FY 14 Totals	FY 13 Total2	Difference
30	ABLE	\$3,759.40	\$0.00	\$3,759.40
20	Accountancy Board	\$28,951.70	\$30,638.19	(\$1,686.49)
40	Agriculture Dept.	\$1,500.00	\$2,325.00	(\$825.00)
45	Architects Board	\$21,600.00	\$21,600.00	\$0.00
145	Chiropractic Examiners Brd	\$0.00	\$14,831.25	(\$14,831.25)
160	Commerce	\$800.00	\$3,106.75	(\$2,306.75)
390	CompSource	\$288,407.00	\$601,941.00	(\$313,534.00)
645	Conservation Commission	\$3,328.00	\$1,016.00	\$2,312.00
170	Constructions Industries Brd.	\$46,113.21	\$1,850.00	\$44,263.21
185	Corporation Commission	\$83,856.52	\$93,746.80	(\$9,890.28)
131	Corrections, Dept. of	\$37,660.69	\$0.00	\$37,660.69
215	Dentistry Brd.	\$21,832.73	\$3,369.61	\$18,463.12
292	DEQ	\$191,844.22	\$108,880.00	\$82,964.22
326	Disability Concerns	\$0.00	\$343.75	(\$343.75)
220	District Attorney #12	\$86,720.40	\$6,872.21	\$79,848.19
585	DPS	\$0.00	\$12,555.00	(\$12,555.00)
315	Firefighters Pension	\$380,434.08	\$387,180.77	(\$6,746.69)
305	Governor	\$18,242.32	\$0.00	\$18,242.32
980	GRDA	\$822,394.81	\$144,893.04	\$677,501.77
807	Health Care Authority	\$116,543.77	\$0.00	\$116,543.77
830	Human Services Dept.	\$460,000.44	\$874,596.84	(\$414,596.40)
385	Insurance Dept.	\$59,623.75	\$122,229.50	(\$62,605.75)
628	Judicial Complaints, Council	\$26,897.50	\$35,549.26	(\$8,651.76)
410	Land Office	\$252,872.52	\$720,714.45	(\$467,841.93)
416	Law Enforcement Retirement Syst.	\$129,513.90	\$124,558.51	\$4,955.39
0	LICRA Trust	\$107,064.11	\$53,043.07	\$54,021.04
509	Long Term Care	\$45,688.00	\$30,000.00	\$15,688.00

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FY 14 TOTALS TO FY 13 TOTALS**

450 Medical Licensure & Supervision Brd.	\$328,379.82	\$306,449.84	\$21,929.98
298 Merit Protection	\$27,000.00	\$25,500.00	\$1,500.00
125 Mines Dept.	\$7,160.00	\$7,050.00	\$110.00
391 Multiple Injury Trust Fund	\$290,751.35	\$243,350.00	\$47,401.35
485 Northeastern State University	\$1,429.50	\$25,000.00	(\$23,570.50)
510 Nursing Brd.	\$304,547.09	\$312,342.54	(\$7,795.45)
633 OCCC	\$10,877.81	\$4,987.50	\$5,890.31
90 OMES - Risk Management	\$7,541.52	\$23,221.35	(\$15,679.83)
515 OPERS - Employee Retirement System	\$35,651.56	\$44,466.30	(\$8,814.74)
520 Optometry Brd.	\$14,637.83	\$13,300.00	\$1,337.83
308 OSBI	\$8,683.50	\$7,087.50	\$1,596.00
525 Osteopathic Examiners Brd.	\$41,703.66	\$18,811.61	\$22,892.05
10 OSU	\$360,001.87	\$277,010.30	\$82,991.57
15 OSU - Oklahoma City Branch	\$21,306.98	\$1,837.27	\$19,469.71
10 OSU - Patent Matters	\$116,733.31	\$131,522.21	(\$14,788.90)
13 OSU - Technical Branch Okmulgee	\$10,075.65	\$6,958.20	\$3,117.45
10 OSU Center for Health & Sciences	\$33,050.00	\$3,550.00	\$29,500.00
306 Pardon & Parole Brd.	\$0.00	\$8,787.50	(\$8,787.50)
557 Police Pension & Retirement Syst.	\$129,354.69	\$216,418.27	(\$87,063.58)
570 Professional Engineers Land Surveyors	\$83,834.57	\$69,364.48	\$14,470.09
385 Real Estate Appraiser Brd.	\$83,011.50	\$106,847.00	(\$23,835.50)
588 Real Estate Commission	\$35,939.25	\$59,544.50	(\$23,605.25)
605 Regents for Higher Education	\$48,179.32	\$34,200.22	\$13,979.10
805 Rehabilitation Services	\$66,445.85	\$59,952.80	\$6,493.05
695 Tax Commission	\$26,227.24	\$34,665.05	(\$8,437.81)
715 Teachers' Retirement	\$17,713.76	\$0.00	\$17,713.76
566 Tourism & Recreation	\$850.00	\$20,670.04	(\$19,820.04)
345 Transportation	\$1,736,554.55	\$1,725,452.04	\$11,102.51

**COMPARISON CHART OF  
FY 14 TOTALS TO FY 13 TOTALS**

978 Turnpike Authority	\$76,462.00	\$88,666.00	(\$12,204.00)
825 University Hospital Authority	\$0.00	\$59,932.71	(\$59,932.71)
650 Veterans Affairs	\$3,810.00	\$4,695.00	(\$885.00)
369 WCC	\$28,968.85	\$7,682.20	\$21,286.65
320 Wildlife	\$0.00	\$55,773.00	(\$55,773.00)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$7,192,532.10</b>	<b>\$7,400,936.43</b>	<b>(\$208,404.33)</b>

**Amount Reported  
w/o requesting Contract Approval**

Agency #	AGENCY	FY 14 Totals
340	Health Department	\$19,387.50
405	Labor	\$6,108.75
452	Mental Health	\$22,000.00
241	Redlands Community College	\$8,259.70
531	Rose State College	\$89,190.00
623	Seminole State College	\$5,546.00
660	Southeastern OK State College	\$3,225.00
665	Southwestern OK State University	\$11,350.00
740	Treasurer	\$3,210.00
750	Tulsa Community College	\$179,185.04
606	University Center Southern Oklahoma	\$2,999.24
120	University of Central Oklahoma	\$4,653.75
835	Water Resources Brd.	\$202,979.84
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$558,094.82</b>

FY 14 Total Amount of Contracts **\$7,192,532.10**  
 Amount Reported without requesting a Contract **\$558,094.82**  
**GRAND TOTAL \$7,750,626.92**

## STATE AGENCY EXPENDITURES

The following are the total amounts paid by state agencies to private attorneys during fiscal year 2014 as reported to the Office of the Attorney General authorized pursuant to Title 74 O.S. Section 20i

No.	Agency Name	Total Paid
030	ABLE	\$3,759.40
020	Accountancy Board, Oklahoma	\$28,951.70
040	Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Oklahoma Department of	\$1,500.00
045	Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Interior Designers of Oklahoma, Board of Governors of the Licensed	\$21,600.00
160	Commerce, Oklahoma Department of	\$800.00
390	Compsource Oklahoma	\$288,407.00
645	Conservation Commission, Oklahoma	\$3,328.00
170	Construction Industries Board	\$46,113.21
185	Corporation Commission, Oklahoma	\$83,856.52
131	Corrections, Dept. of	\$37,660.69
215	Dentistry, Oklahoma Board of	\$21,832.73
220	District Attorneys Council – DA #12	\$86,720.40
570	Engineers and Land Surveyors, State Board of Licensure for Professional	\$83,834.57
292	Environmental Quality, Department of	\$191,844.22
315	Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, Oklahoma	\$380,434.08
305	Governor	\$18,242.32
980	Grand River Dam Authority	\$822,394.81
807	Health Care Authority	\$116,543.77
340	Health Department	\$19,387.50
830	Human Services, Department of	\$460,000.44
385	Insurance Department	\$59,623.75
308	Investigation, Oklahoma State Bureau of (OSBI)	\$8,683.50
678	Judicial Complaints, Council on	\$26,897.50
405	Labor Dept.	\$6,108.75

410	Land Office, Commissioners of the	\$252,872.52
416	Law Enforcement Retirement System, Oklahoma	\$129,513.90
000	LICRA Trust – Lead Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance	\$107,064.11
509	Long-Term Care Administrators, Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for	\$45,688.00
090	Management and Enterprise Services, Office of (Central Services Dept.)	\$7,541.52
450	Medical Licensure and Supervision, State Board of	\$328,379.82
452	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of	\$22,000.00
298	Merit Protection Commission	\$27,000.00
125	Mines, Department of	\$7,160.00
391	Multiple Injury Trust Fund	\$290,751.35
485	Northeastern State College	\$1,429.50
510	Nursing, Oklahoma Board of	\$304,547.09
633	Oklahoma City Community College	\$10,877.81
520	Optometry, Board of Examiners in	\$14,637.83
525	Osteopathic Examiners, State Board of	\$41,703.66
010	Oklahoma State University	\$360,001.87
010	Oklahoma State University – Center for Health Sciences	\$33,050.00
015	Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City	\$21,306.98
013	Oklahoma State University – Institute for Technology-Okmulgee	\$10,075.65
010	Oklahoma State University – Patent Matters	\$116,733.31
557	Police Pension and Retirement System, Oklahoma	\$129,354.69
515	Public Employees Retirement System, Oklahoma	\$35,651.56
385a	Real Estate Appraiser Board	\$83,011.50
588	Real Estate Commission, Oklahoma	\$35,939.25
241	Redlands Community College	\$8,259.70
605	Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma State	\$48,179.32
805	Rehabilitation Services, Oklahoma Department of	\$66,445.85
531	Rose State College	\$89,190.00
623	Seminole State College	\$5,546.00
660	Southeastern OK State University	\$3,225.00

665	Southwestern OK State University	\$11,350.00
695	Tax Commission, Oklahoma	\$26,227.24
715	Teachers' Retirement System	\$17,713.76
566	Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma	\$850.00
345	Transportation, Department of	\$1,736,554.55
740	Treasurer, Office of the State	\$3,210.00
750	Tulsa Community College	\$179,185.04
978	Turnpike Authority, Oklahoma	\$76,462.00
606	University Center Southern Oklahoma	\$2,999.24
120	University of Central Oklahoma	\$4,653.75
650	Veterans Affairs, Oklahoma Department of	\$3,810.00
835	Water Resources Board, Oklahoma	\$202,979.84
369	Workers' Compensation Court	\$28,968.85
<b>Total FY 2014:</b>		<b>\$7,750,626.92</b>





ABLE  
Agency # 030

Total Contracts – 1  
Total Paid - \$3,759.40

# ABLE

Agency Number: 30

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*Contract Number:* F-15 005-2

*Attorney:* Margaret Love

*Law Firm:* Margaret Love

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***Purpose of Contract:***

Ms. Love has handled all employment/HR litigation, grievance, appeals, etc. for several years including providing training to staff and updating policy & procedures.

***Reason for not using Attorney General:***

ABLE has worked with Ms. Love since 2007 on employee/personnel law matters, policy handbook, litigation, and representation at the Merit Comm. & would like to continue with her representation since she is very knowledgeable of Able matters & personnel.

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***Contract Amount:*** \$19,999.99

**Total Actual Cost:** \$3,759.40

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Accountancy Board  
Agency # 020

Total Contracts – 1

Total Paid - \$28,951.70

# Accountancy Brd.

Agency Number: 20

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*Contract Number:* A-14 013

*Attorney:* Randall Keith Calvert

*Law Firm:* Calvert Law Firm

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***Purpose of Contract:***

Act as special prosecutor in administrative proceedings before the seven-member Oklahoma Accountancy Board for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

***Reason for not using Attorney General:***

Attorney General's office serves as legal counsel to the Board. Appearance of a conflict.

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***Contract Amount:*** \$100,000

**Total Actual Cost:** \$28,951.70

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Agriculture, Food, and Forestry,  
Department of  
Agency # 040

Total Contracts – 1

Total Paid - \$1,500.00

# Agriculture, Dept. of

Agency Number: 40

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*Contract Number:* F-14 018

*Attorney:* Richard D. Herren

*Law Firm:* Richard D. Herren

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***Purpose of Contract:***

Mr. Herren will act as an administrative law judge for the agency and hear administrative actions brought by the agency against individuals and businesses deemed to be in violation of the Oklahoma Agricultural Code (Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes) Actions brought by the agency may result in fines, the revocation of licenses, or other penalties described in Title 2.

***Reason for not using Attorney General:***

Conflict of interest.

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***Contract Amount:*** \$10,000

**Total Actual Cost:** \$1,500.00

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