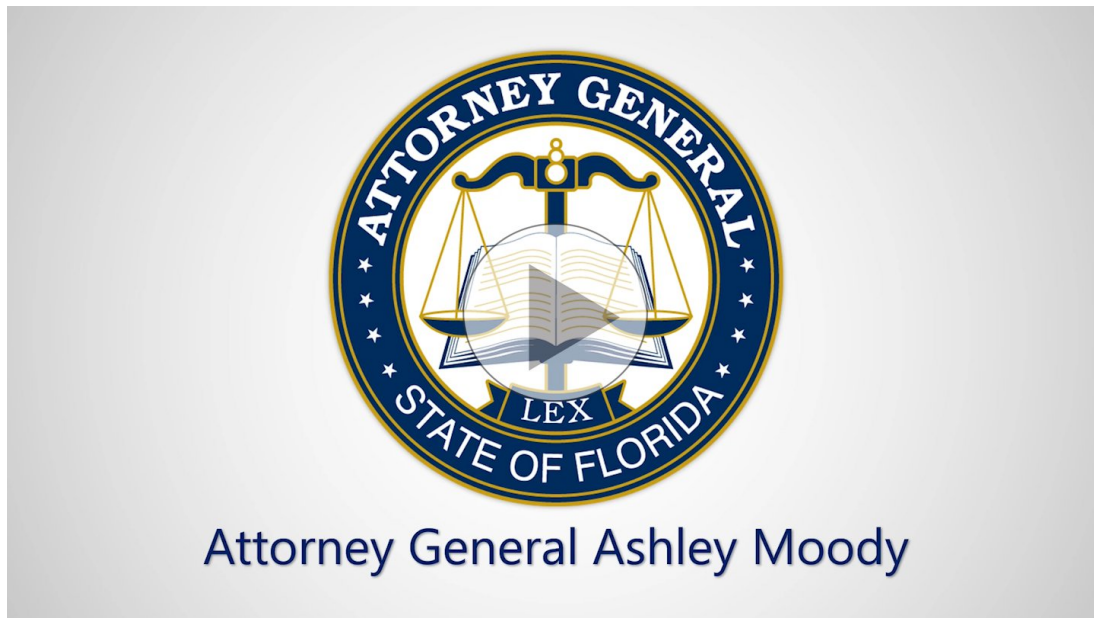


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## **Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - July 23, 2021**



This week, I announced historic \$26 billion nationwide agreements with major corporations that helped fuel the deadly opioid epidemic. These agreements follow years of aggressive litigation efforts led by my office and other states against AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson—the nation’s three major pharmaceutical distributors—and Johnson & Johnson, who manufactured and marketed opioids.

Since day one, I have fought to hold those who played a part in the opioid epidemic accountable and these settlement agreements are a large step forward in our fight to end this crisis. No amount of money can bring back those we have lost due to opioids, but the more than \$1.5 billion Florida and its subdivisions will receive under these agreements will go directly towards prevention efforts, treatment and recovery-related services for those still impacted by this deadly crisis.

The agreements also place new rules on these large corporations—fundamentally changing the opioid manufacturing and distributing industries—so that this never happens again.

While I am proud that we secured these resources, and especially proud of the hard

work many of our attorneys put into this legal action and complex negotiations, our work is far from over. I will continue litigating with the remaining defendants to hold them accountable. These agreements bring the total amount of money our office is recovering for Florida to nearly \$2 billion.

To learn more about the historic settlement agreements, click [here](#).

By fighting to end the opioid epidemic that is killing 21 Floridians every day and holding corporations responsible for their actions in fueling this crisis, I am working to build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial letter.

## In The News

**Attorney General Moody lead negotiations to secure \$26B through opioid litigation agreements, ABC Action News Tampa Bay**

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## Protecting Floridians

**CONSUMER ALERT: Beware of Scammers Trying to Exploit Child Tax Credit Payments**



Attorney General Ashley Moody issued a Consumer Alert warning that scammers may attempt to target recipients of the Child Tax Credit payments. Last week, eligible parents started to receive a monthly advance payment on the Child Tax Credit as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. An estimated 36 million families will continue to receive payments from the Internal Revenue Service of up to \$300 per child, per month.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Anytime the federal government is doling out huge amounts of money, scammers pounce—trying to make a quick, dishonest dollar. With this latest round of federal stimulus money slated to be distributed, parents should be on the lookout for scams.”

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**Attorney General Moody Announces Appointment of Henry C. Whitaker as Florida Solicitor General**



Attorney General Ashley Moody announced the appointment of Henry C. Whitaker to the position of Florida Solicitor General. The Solicitor General represents the Attorney General’s Office in cases before the United States Supreme Court, the Florida Supreme Court and legally advises on appellate cases in state and federal courts.

Solicitor General Whitaker served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, and before that as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, for the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice where he advised the White House Counsel and cabinet secretaries on a range of important constitutional and statutory questions. Prior to that, Whitaker worked on the Appellate Staff of the Civil Division of the DOJ and, in that capacity, argued more than 40 appeals in the federal courts. He graduated magna cum laude from both Yale College and Harvard Law School. After law school, Whitaker clerked for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Judge David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “I am honored to appoint Henry Whitaker as Solicitor General of the state of Florida. He has spent many years advising the federal government on its most critical legal issues and litigating some of its most important cases. I look forward to working with him as we fight to protect the interests of Florida and its citizens in our nation's courts.” [Read More](#)

## Events

Registration is open for the 2021 National Preventing Crime Conference. This year's conference will feature successful crime-prevention programs and promote the positive exchange of ideas about preventing violence. To sign up, visit

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