

County Attorney

Department Summary

		FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted Budget	FY 2004 Current Budget	FY 2005 Adopted Budget
Personal Services	\$	851,639	854,056	891,214	894,666
Operating Expenses		71,049	79,800	80,828	80,641
Capital Outlay		0	0	7,562	0
Expenditure Totals	\$	922,688	933,856	979,604	975,307

Number of FTEs		10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
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Department Description

The County Attorney's office advises County officials and departments on legal matters and represents the County in court and legal negotiations. The office provides legal advice and answers questions relating to statutes, rules, regulations or court interpretations. The office also drafts legal documents, researches legal precedents, advises officials on legal implications of actions, and studies County policies, procedures, and actions to assure compliance with the law.

List of Major Services

- Defend the County in lawsuits
- Advise Board of Commissioners on legal matters
- Assist in enforcing County ordinances
- Advise County departments on legal matters
- Negotiate and review contracts
- File petitions in cases of abuse and neglect of juveniles and adults
- Represent County in court in abuse and neglect cases of adults and juveniles
- File and try cases involving termination of parental rights

- Perform title searches for land purchases
- Assist Revenue Collector in collection of unpaid taxes

Department Priorities

The department's highest priority is to avoid legal liability issues by providing timely advice to County departments and the Board of Commissioners. Another high priority is to continue to meet the high demand for legal services in the juvenile court area to provide protective services for children.