

County Attorney

PROGRAM 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.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Problem avoidance to minimize lawsuits
- Successful defense of lawsuits
- Successful prosecution of county initiated lawsuits
- Timely completion of juvenile (child protective services) cases

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY2001-2002

- Successfully negotiated with Motorola to desist a lawsuit resulting from the cancellation of the 800MHz contract. Assisted in contract negotiations with Motorola for a new communication system, through a partnership with the State Highway Patrol.
- Completed negotiations of a lease contract with Exploris-IMAX, the operator of this County-owned facility.
- Won the Federal case regarding the South Wake Landfill at the District Court level. The case is now on appeal to the 4th Circuit Court. Argued the State's case in the Court of Appeals.
- Completed the purchase of the Hosley property, part of the County's Open Space initiative.
- Completed contract between the Capital Area Soccer League, the operator of the new County-owned center in Cary, and TWEAN, the parent company of the Carolina Courage, the main tenant at the Center. Also negotiated the naming rights for the center.
- Continued providing preventative legal services to County departments. No tort judgements were issued against the County.

KEY ISSUES FOR FY2002-2003

- Continue defending landfill permit in Federal court
- Continue providing preventative legal services to County departments
- Continue to provide needed court services to process juvenile cases in timely manner in order to meet Federal and State guidelines.

General Administration

Budget Summary

County Attorney	FY 2000-2001 Actuals	FY2001-2002 Current Budget	FY2002-2003 Recommended	FY2002-2003 Adopted
Personal Services	\$747,583	\$751,146	\$841,881	\$841,881
Operating Expenses	\$66,207	\$79,800	\$79,800	\$79,800
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EXPENDITURE TOTALS	\$813,790	\$830,946	\$921,681	\$921,681
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Revenues	\$2,537	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUE TOTALS	\$2,537	\$0	\$0	\$0

Position Count

	FY2001 Actual	FY2002 Actual	Changes	FY2003 Adopted
Number of FTE's	10	10.0	0.0	10.0
