

LAW - 1420

MISSION

The mission of the Department of Law is to represent the County and counsel its elected officials of County government competently, professionally and ethically.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Department of Law serves as the chief legal advisor to the County and its departments, agencies and offices in all civil matters and proceedings. It represents the County in the prosecution and defense of all civil actions and proceedings brought by or against the County or any of its officers in local, state, or federal courts, including miscellaneous litigations, tax enforcement, and bankruptcy proceedings, arbitrations, and administrative adjudications, health code violations, applications from low-income individuals and real estate transactions. The Department also serves as the presentment agency in Family Court in the prosecution of juvenile delinquents within the County; prepares and reviews contracts and other legal instruments; drafts local laws and resolutions; and performs other duties as prescribed by law, the County Executive or by request or resolution of the County Legislature.

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OUTCOME

The County's legal interests will be protected and defended through cost-effective, aggressive and result-orientated representation.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2009 Executive Budget recommends \$1,142,011 in appropriations for a \$84,231 year-to-year decrease or a 6.9 percent change from 2009 to 2010.
- The Department's County share costs decrease by \$84,231 or 7.1 percent from 2009 to 2010.
- The Department's budget includes \$170,504 in personal service savings based on two current vacancies within the Department, which will be maintained in 2010.

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Account	Description	2008 Expended	2009 Adjusted	2010 Proposed	2009-10 Change	2009-10 Percent Change
Appropriations						
Law -(1420)						
Personal Services		\$676,297	\$836,024	\$733,370	(\$102,654)	-12.3%
Equipment		\$194	\$300	\$0	(\$300)	-100.0%
Contractual Expenses		\$165,965	\$173,824	\$165,947	(\$7,877)	-4.5%
Fringe Benefits		\$200,205	\$216,094	\$242,694	\$26,600	12.3%
Law -(1420)		\$1,042,661	\$1,226,242	\$1,142,011	(\$84,231)	-6.9%
Appropriations		\$1,042,661	\$1,226,242	\$1,142,011	(\$84,231)	-6.9%
Revenue						
Law - (1420)		\$0	(\$46,851)	(\$46,851)	\$0	0.0%
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County Share		\$1,042,661	\$1,179,391	\$1,095,160	(\$84,231)	-7.1%