

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.

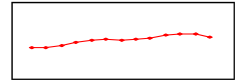
OUTCOME

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

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- This budget proposes \$220,716 in personal service savings for positions that will be continued but not funded in 2011. These savings comprise of one First Assistant County Attorney and two Assistant County Attorneys to be filled sometime after 2011.
- The Department has recently changed its legal research contract from two vendors, down to one. This will result in approximately \$12,000 a year in savings.

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$792,318
1999:	\$805,290
2000:	\$877,309
2001:	\$993,785
2002:	\$1,043,204
2003:	\$1,087,179
2004:	\$1,056,016
2005:	\$1,088,843
2006:	\$1,132,094
2007:	\$1,212,602
2008:	\$1,255,520
2009:	\$1,269,139
2010:	\$1,140,511

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