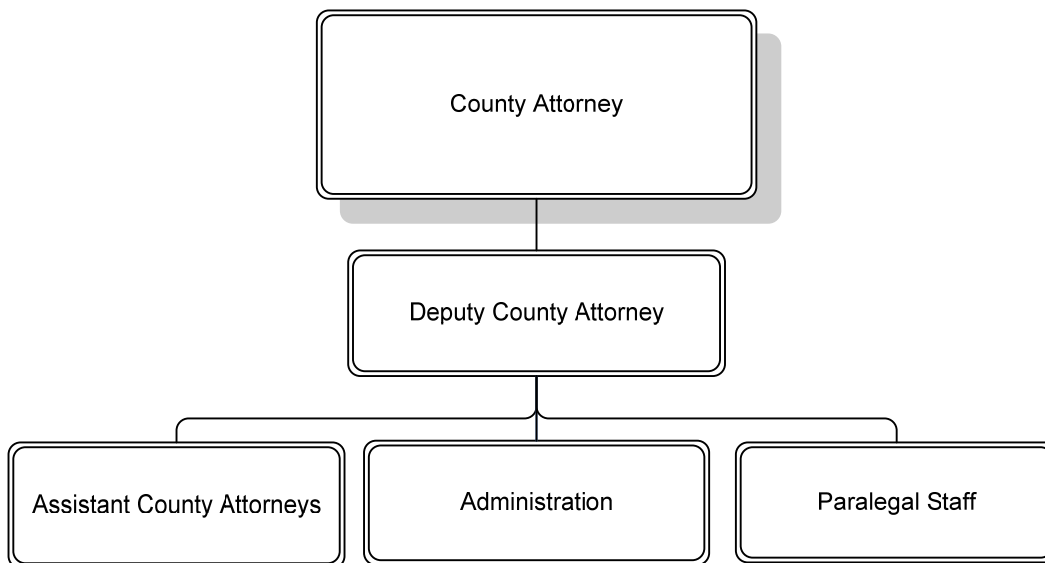


*Our Mission: To ensure that all County transactions are conducted in a legal and ethical manner*

The County Attorney's Office provides legal counsel and advice to the County Board, County Manager and staff, County departments, agencies, boards and commissions, School Board and Retirement Board, and provides representation for them in state and federal court, as well as before various administrative agencies.

**DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION CHART**



**FY 2009 PRIORITIES**

- To increase availability of legal counsel and advice, and meet the expanding need for legal services using budgeted resources.

**DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Proposed	% Change '08 to '09
Personnel	\$1,471,882	\$1,689,651	\$1,711,200	1%
Non-Personnel	633,480	253,923	497,346	96%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,105,362</b>	<b>1,943,574</b>	<b>2,208,546</b>	<b>14%</b>
Fees	51,000	70,000	70,000	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>51,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Tax Support</b>	<b>\$2,054,362</b>	<b>\$1,873,574</b>	<b>\$2,138,546</b>	<b>14%</b>
Permanent FTEs	11.0	12.0	12.0	
Temporary FTEs	-	-	-	
<b>Total Authorized FTEs</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	

**SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHANGES**

The FY 2009 proposed budget for the County Attorney's Office is \$2,208,546, or a fourteen percent increase over the FY 2008 revised budget.

- Personnel expenditures for FY 2008 and FY 2009 include an additional Assistant County Attorney position added by the County Board in the Close-out of FY 2007. The new position was authorized to assist with the increasingly large volume of child protective services cases, as well as related administrative matters in the Department of Human Services.
- ↑ Non-personnel expenditures increase primarily due to an adjustment in external legal services based on a five year average of actual expenses that are a result of increased litigation and other matters requiring highly specialized services (\$243,000).

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Critical Measures	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2009 Target
Percent of County Board reports reviewed in a timely manner	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percent of County Board requests responded to in a timely manner	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percent of priority matters in which prompt legal review is provided	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percent of lawsuits in which court deadlines have been met	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Supporting Measures	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2009 Target
Number of attorney assignments (non-litigation)	N/A	N/A	1,383	1,409	1,435	1,450	1,450
Number of Board reports reviewed	N/A	N/A	710	786	775	790	790
Number of litigation assignments (other than Department of Human Services)	N/A	N/A	103	123	110	115	115
Number of litigation assignments (Department of Human Services)	N/A	N/A	50	143	100	105	105

- In FY 2006, The County Attorney's Office implemented a new database to track workload and case information internally. The current database does not contain the history of previous measures so they have not been presented.
- The County Attorney's Office provides legal counsel, advice, and representation to all components of County government. However, the services provided to the Department of Human Services are related to child protective services such as foster care, adoption, child abuse and neglect and are tracked separately.