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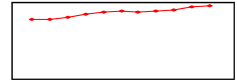
MISSION

The mission of the Department of Law is to represent the County and counsel the 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; 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.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

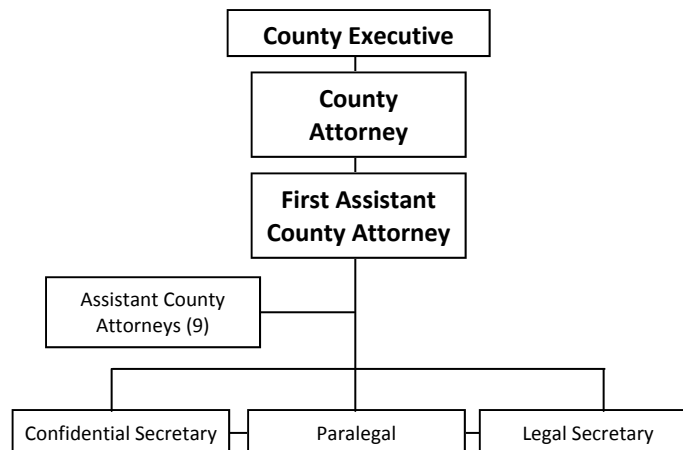
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OUTCOME

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 \$1,273,378 in appropriations for a \$17,858 increase or 1.4% change from 2008 to 2009. Revenues for the department are increased by \$6,163 to reflect inflationary cost increases related to attorney salary and fringe costs incurred on behalf of the Albany County Health Department.
- The Department's County Share costs increase by \$11,695 or 1.0% from 2008 to 2009.
- The Department's Budget includes \$38,410 in personal service savings based on current vacancies within the department and historical personnel spending patterns related to hiring and retention rates.



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Account	Description	2007 Expended	2008 Adjusted	2009 Proposed	2008-09 Change	2008-09 Percent Change
Appropriations						
Department of Law-(1420)						
	Personnel Services	\$ 750,646	\$ 896,790	\$ 880,195	\$(16,595)	(1.9%)
	Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$(200)	(100.0%)
	Contractual Expenses	\$ 132,170	\$ 140,984	\$ 174,029	\$ 33,045	23.4%
	Fringe Benefits	\$ 195,132	\$ 217,546	\$ 219,154	\$ 1,608	0.7%
	Department of Law	\$ 1,077,948	\$ 1,255,520	\$ 1,273,378	\$ 17,858	1.4%
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Revenue						
	Department of Law	\$ 0	\$(40,688)	\$(46,851)	\$(6,163)	15.1%
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	County Share	\$ 1,077,948	\$ 1,214,832	\$ 1,226,527	\$ 11,695	1.0%
			2008	2009	2009	2008-09
			Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Changes
	COUNTY ATTORNEY		15	15	15	0
						2008-09
						Percent Change
						0.0%