

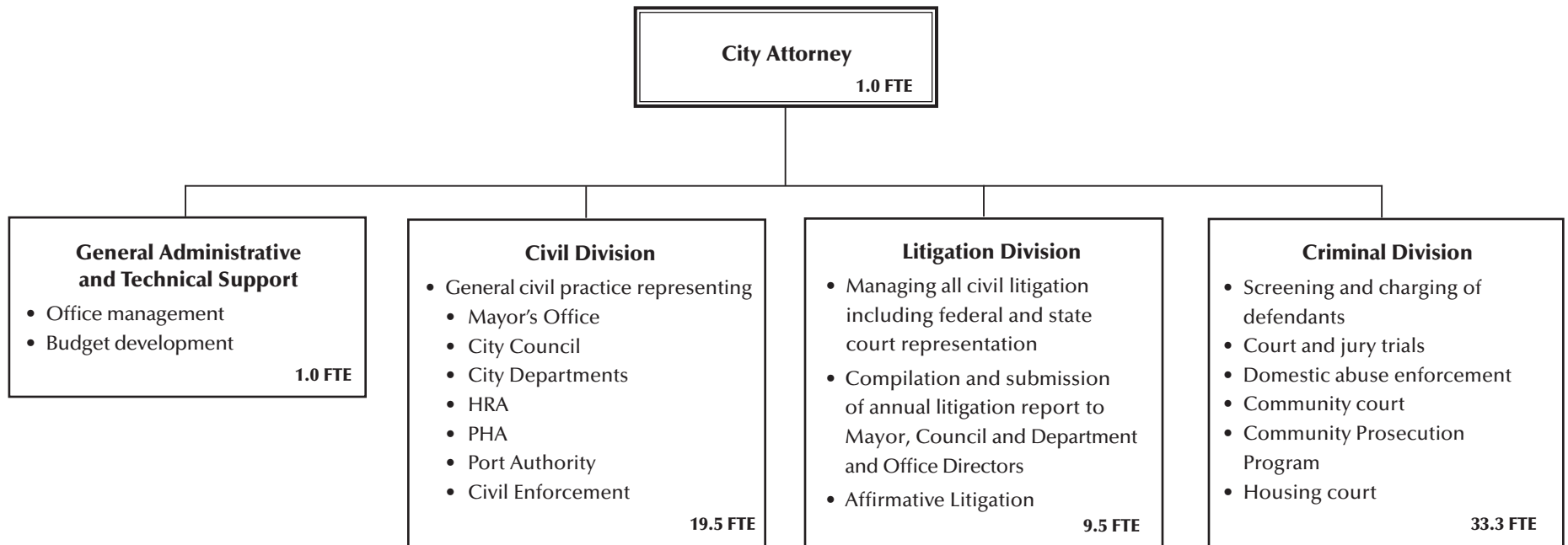
City Attorney's Office

The mission of the Saint Paul City Attorney's Office is to fulfill its duty to represent the city in its legal affairs with integrity, professionalism and collegiality.

Integrity means that we are loyal to the interests of the city and the laws under which it functions.

Professionalism means that we are thorough and creative in representing the interests of the city, respectful of the public process in which we function and courteous to all those with whom we interact.

Collegiality means working together, and with the elected and appointed officials of the city, to continuously seek improvements to the quality of legal services and the efficiency with which they are provided.



(Total 64.3 FTE)

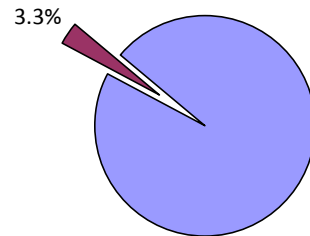
2010 Adopted Budget City Attorney's Office

Department Description:

The Office of the City Attorney strives to deliver outstanding legal services to the city by:

- Providing sound legal advice and superior legal representation to city officials to help them achieve their goals.
- Defending the city in civil litigation matters and aggressively prosecuting civil claims involving the collection of taxpayer monies, public nuisance abatement, civil gang injunctions and other initiatives that preserve the city's livability and public safety.
- Providing public safety and maintaining the city's livability by effectively prosecuting adult misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes in Saint Paul.

CAO's Portion of General Fund Spending



Department Facts

- Total General Fund Budget: \$6,396,084
- Total Special Fund Budget: \$1,557,961
- Total FTEs: 64.3
- Legal settlements & judgments in 2007 (\$47K) and 2008 (\$271K) were at all time lows.
- The CAO handles about 15,000 misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases per year.
- Approx. 75 civil litigation matters handled by CAO's civil litigation division each year.
- Since July 2008, the Bad Check Diversion Program has returned over \$40K to victims.
- In 2008, the CAO reviewed over 675 RNC cases presented by police.
- The CAO community prosecution team received two prestigious awards in 2008.

Department Goals

- Aligning CAO resources to City and departmental priority outcomes.
- Holding criminal offenders accountable.
- Improving neighborhoods by increasing code compliance and by decreasing nuisance properties.

Recent Accomplishments

- To proactively disrupt criminal gang behavior, CAO initiated and obtained a first of its kind temporary civil gang injunction against the "Sureño 13" in May 2009, and secured two additional injunctions against the "East Side Boys" and "Selby Siders" in July 2009.
- Created the City's Worthless Check Diversion Program for Merchants in July of 2008, returning over \$40,000 to Saint Paul businesses since its inception.
- Successfully passed pilot program legislation supporting the City's Driver Diversion Program, which is intended to reduce recidivism and achieve greater efficiencies in the criminal justice system.
- Formed a National Multi-City Litigation Working Group on Foreclosures to coordinate legal strategies with other cities to prevent foreclosures and reduce vacant properties.
- Developed restorative justice alternatives with the police and community for the East Side neighborhood to address livability issues. Completed five restorative justice sessions with the Dispute Resolution Center, police and defendants.
- Continued to successfully manage the City's tort liability and outside counsel budgets.
- Aligned CAO resources to City and department priorities.
- Through June 1, kept 96 properties free of nuisance behavior for one year through the use of the public nuisance law.
- Completed work on Blueprint for Safety to assist in closing systemic gaps in domestic prosecution to hold offenders accountable and to keep victims safe.

City Attorney

Department/Office Director: **JOHN J CHOI**

	2007 2nd Prior Exp. & Enc.	2008 Last Year Exp. & Enc.	2009 Adopted	2010 Mayor's Proposed	2010 Council Adopted	Change from Mayor's Proposed	2009 Adopted
<u>Spending By Unit</u>							
001 GENERAL FUND	5,840,353	6,332,106	6,399,367	6,322,797	6,396,084	73,287	-3,283
025 CITY ATTORNEY:OUTSIDE SERVICES FUND	1,036,875	1,129,819	1,193,682	1,417,908	1,417,908		224,226
050 SPECIAL PROJECTS:GEN GOV ACCTS FUND				124,539	140,053	15,514	140,053
Total Spending by Unit	6,877,228	7,461,924	7,593,049	7,865,244	7,954,045	88,801	360,996
<u>Spending By Major Object</u>							
SALARIES	4,703,819	4,874,634	5,265,724	5,320,903	5,375,874	54,971	110,150
SERVICES	501,644	745,725	512,234	506,401	519,652	13,251	7,418
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	70,040	91,231	72,553	96,766	99,029	2,263	26,476
EMPLOYER FRINGE BENEFITS	1,548,154	1,682,571	1,640,681	1,772,872	1,791,188	18,316	150,507
MISC TRANSFER CONTINGENCY ETC	53,571	67,764	101,857	168,302	168,302		66,445
DEBT							
STREET SEWER BRIDGE ETC IMPROVEMENT							
EQUIPMENT LAND AND BUILDINGS							
Total Spending by Object	6,877,228	7,461,924	7,593,049	7,865,244	7,954,045	88,801	360,996
Percent Change from Previous Year		8.5%	1.8%	3.6%	1.1%	1.1%	4.8%
<u>Financing By Major Object</u>							
GENERAL FUND	5,840,353	6,332,106	6,399,367	6,322,797	6,396,084	73,287	-3,283
SPECIAL FUND							
TAXES							
LICENSES AND PERMITS							
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE				100,006	115,520	15,514	115,520
FEES, SALES AND SERVICES	1,036,830	1,183,258	1,193,682	1,417,908	1,417,908		224,226
ENTERPRISE AND UTILITY REVENUES							
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	2,000	594					
TRANSFERS				24,533	24,533		24,533
FUND BALANCES							
Total Financing by Object	6,879,183	7,515,958	7,593,049	7,865,244	7,954,045	88,801	360,996
Percent Change from Previous Year		9.3%	1.0%	3.6%	1.1%	1.1%	4.8%

