# 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.

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

<u>Professionalism</u> 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.

<u>Collegiality</u> 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.

# City Attorney 1.0 FTE

# General Administrative and Technical Support

- Office management
- Budget development

1.0 FTE

#### **Civil Division**

- General civil practice representing
  - Mayor's Office
  - City Council
  - City Departments
  - HRA
  - PHA
  - Port Authority
  - Civil Enforcement

19.0 FTE

#### **Litigation Division**

- Managing all civil litigation including federal and state court representation
- Compilation and submission of annual litigation report to Mayor, Council and Department and Office Directors
- Affirmative Litigation

9.5 FTE

#### **Criminal Division**

- Screening and charging of defendants
- Criminal appeals and postconviction matters
- Court and jury trials
- · Domestic abuse enforcement
- Community Prosecution Program
- Community Court
- DWI Court
- Mental Health Court
- Housing Court

33.0 FTE

(Total 63.5 FTE) 7/20/11

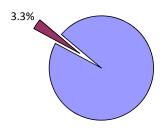
### 2012 Mayor's Proposed Budget City Attorney's Office

#### **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, 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: 6,965,897

• Total Special Fund Budget: 1,052,418

• Total FTEs: 63.5

- The CAO handles over 10,000 misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases per year.
- Legal settlements & judgments paid in 2010 total \$403K.
- The CAO's Civil Litigation Division defends approximately 70 cases each year.
- More than 60% of civil lawsuits against the city have been resolved by obtaining favorable judgments or dismissals without any payments by the city.

#### **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**

- Grant funding has significantly altered the processing of domestic assault cases where the potential defendant is gone on arrival. Reviewing these cases daily has cut the turnaround time from approx. 60 days to 8.5 days, raised charging rates from approx. 25% to 75% & increased conviction rates from approx. 70% to 80%.
- Since 2009 the City's Worthless Check Program has returned over \$19,483.37 to St. Paul merchants. Another \$10,000 is being paid back under payment plans. \$4,894.00 in bad checks written to St. Paul merchants have been forwarded for prosecution review.
- Since 2009 the City's Pilot Driver Diversion Program has assisted 850 participants with obtaining a valid permit to drive while they pay off court fines & fees. Countywide, over \$160,000 in fines have been paid; \$34,000 of those funds go directly to St. Paul.
- Qualified Domestic Violence Related Convictions on GOA cases have gone from a total of 35/year to a projected 140. Each year, over 100 more victims of domestic violence are being made safer & over 100 defendants are being held accountable for their behavior that otherwise would have escaped our grasp.
- Continued to implement The City of St. Paul Blueprint for Safety; continued to successfully manage the City's tort liability and outside counsel budgets & align CAO resources to City & department priorities.

#### 2012 Mayor's Proposed Budget

#### **City Attorney's Office**

#### **Fiscal Summary**

	2010 Actual	2011 Adopted	2012 Proposed	Change	% Change	2011 Adopted FTE	2012 Proposed FTE
Spending							
1000: General Fund	6,304,537	6,863,483	6,965,897	102,414	1.5%	56.15	56.50
2400: Grants	99,612	64,153	-	(64,153)	-100.0%	0.35	-
7100: Internal Services	1,413,883	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)	-0.1%	7.0	7.0
Financing							
1000: General Fund	1,136,506	1,126,966	1,161,623	34,657	3.1%		
2400: Grants	99,549	64,153	-	(64,153)	-100.0%		
7100: Internal Services	1,498,752	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)	-0.1%		

#### **Budget Changes Summary**

Spending changes in the City Attorney's 2012 proposed budget are entirely due to current service level updates, including adjustments to employee expenses and materials. This will allow CAO to continue activities such as the Joint Prosecution Unit, Community Prosecution Program, and Domestic Violence Blueprint, as well as general criminal, civil, and civil litigation activities.

Revenue changes are largely current service level adjustments, including the recognition of revenues from precourt diversion activities.

1000: General Fund City Attorney's Office

	_	Change from 2011 Adopted				
		Spending	<u>Financing</u>	FTE		
Current Service Level Adjustments		102,414	(5,343)			
	Subtotal:	102,414	(5,343)			
Recognize New Revenue						
The City Attorney's Office participates in several precourt diversion programs, including the Drive This represents an estimate of revenue from these activities based on several years of history.	er Diversion Program (DDP) and	Project Remand.				
Recognize precourt diversion revenue			40,000			
	Subtotal:		40,000			
Company 1000 Budget Changes Total		102,414	34,657			

2400: Grants City Attorney's Office

		Change	Change from 2011 Adopted			
	·	Spending	Financing	FTE		
Current Service Level Adjustments						
A three-year grant for domestic violence prevention, first awarded in 2009, ended in early to the General Fund at the conclusion of the grant.	2011. The personnel funded by this g	rant were shifted				
End of grant		(64,153)		(0.15)		
	Subtotal:	(64,153)	-	(0.15)		
Company 2400 Budget Changes Total		(64,153)		(0.15)		

7100: Internal Services City Attorney's Office

Attorneys and support staff who support outside agencies and certain special fund departments are budgeted here. Agencies and departments are charged for the cost of services received.

		Change from 2011 Adopted			
		Spending	<u>Financing</u>	<u>FTE</u>	
Current Service Level Adjustments		(1,429)	(1,429)		
	Subtotal:	(1,429)	(1,429)		
Company 7100 Budget Changes Total		(1,429)	(1,429)		



# **Spending Reports**

## **Department Budget Summary**

Department: CITY ATTORNEY (Spending and Financing) Budget Year: 2012

					Change From
	2009	2010	2011	2012 Mayor's	2011 Adopted
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Proposed	
Spending by Fund					
1000 GENERAL FUND	6,271,921	6,304,537	6,863,483	6,965,897	102,413
2400 CITY GRANTS	29,948	99,612	64,153		(64,153)
7100 CENTRAL SERVICES INTERNAL	1,134,362	1,413,883	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)
TOTAL SPENDING BY FUND	7,436,230	7,818,032	7,981,484	8,018,314	36,831
Spending by Major Account					
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	6,930,314	7,168,537	7,296,830	7,374,015	77,185
SERVICES	426,041	426,500	511,142	488,119	(23,022)
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	76,712	56,693	107,163	131,903	24,740
TRANSFER OUT AND OTHER SPEND	3,162	166,302	66,349	24,277	(42,072)
TOTAL SPENDING BY MAJOR ACCOUNT	7,436,230	7,818,032	7,981,484	8,018,314	36,831
Financing by Major Account					
GENERAL FUND REVENUES	891,534	1,136,506	1,126,966	1,161,623	34,657
SPECIAL FUND REVENUES					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	29,948	75,016	39,709		(39,709)
FEES SALES AND SERVICES	1,275,339	1,465,926	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)
TRANSFERS IN OTHER FINANCING		57,359	24,444		(24,444)
TOTAL FINANCING BY MAJOR ACCOUNT	2,196,820	2,734,807	2,244,966	2,214,041	(30,925)

## **Spending Plan Summary**

**Department: CITY ATTORNEY** 

Fund: 1000 GENERAL FUND

Division: CITY ATTORNEY ADMIN

		Spending					Personnel			
	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted	2009 Adopted	2010 Adopted	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted
Spending by Major Account										
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	5,835,037	5,870,987	6,316,287	6,432,690	116,403					
SERVICES	371,374	358,766	452,563	426,815	(25,748)					
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	65,510	50,251	70,190	106,392	36,202					
TRANSFER OUT AND OTHER SPEND		24,533	24,444		(24,444)					
TOTAL FOR DIVISION	6,271,921	6,304,537	6,863,483	6,965,897	102,413					
Spending by Accounting Unit										
1000200 CITY ATTORNEY GENERAL	6,271,921	6,304,537	6,863,483	6,965,897	102,413			56.15	56.50	0.35
TOTAL FOR DIVISION	6,271,921	6,304,537	6,863,483	6,965,897	102,413			56.15	56.50	0.35

**Spending Plan Summary** 

Department: CITY ATTORNEY
Fund: 2400 CITY GRANTS

Division: CITY ATTORNEY ADMIN

_	Spending						Personnel			
	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted	2009 Adopted	2010 Adopted	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted
Spending by Major Account										
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	29,948	91,785	46,841		(46,841)					
SERVICES		6,087	(1)		1					
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES		1,741	17,313		(17,313)					
TOTAL FOR DIVISION	29,948	99,612	64,153		(64,153)					
Spending by Accounting Unit										
1030200 VAWA STOP GRANT	29,948	99,612	64,153		(64,153)			0.35		(0.35)
TOTAL FOR DIVISION	29,948	99,612	64,153		(64,153)			0.35		(0.35)

## **Spending Plan Summary**

**Department: CITY ATTORNEY** 

Fund: 7100 CENTRAL SERVICES INTERNAL

Division: CITY ATTORNEY ADMIN

		Spending					Personnel			
	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted	2009 Adopted	2010 Adopted	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted
Spending by Major Account										
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	1,065,329	1,205,766	933,703	941,326	7,623					
SERVICES	54,668	61,647	58,579	61,304	2,725					
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	11,202	4,701	19,660	25,511	5,851					
TRANSFER OUT AND OTHER SPEND	3,162	141,769	41,905	24,277	(17,628)					
TOTAL FOR DIVISION	1,134,362	1,413,883	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)					
Spending by Accounting Unit										
1010200 CITY ATTY OUTSIDE SERV	1,134,362	1,413,883	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)			7.00	7.00	)
TOTAL FOR DIVISION	1,134,362	1,413,883	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)			7.00	7.00	)



# **Financing Reports**

# **CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department**

Department:	CITY ATTORNEY
Company:	1000 GENERAL FUND

						Change From	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2011	
Account	Account Description	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Mayor's Proposed	Adopted	
42640-0	PRECOURT DIVERSION	2,200	42,697		40,000	40,000	
43100-0	CONTINUANCE FOR DISMISSAL	775,686	892,841	1,000,000	1,000,000		
43105-0	SUBSTANTIAL ABATEMENT LEGAL			25,000	25,000		
43510-0	COPIES		987		1,300	1,300	
44115-0	INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK USER FEE	604		1,300		(1,300)	
44180-0	REIMBURSEMENT INVESTIGATION	42,895		20,000	20,000		
44805-0	LEGAL SERVICES	14,000		8,931	58,138	49,207	
44845-0	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES		26,201	29,000		(29,000)	
45140-0	FORFEITURES	6,523	1,046	830		(830)	
49140-0	TRANSFER FR SPECIAL REVENUE FU	10,000		41,905		(41,905)	
49160-0	TRANSFER FR CAPITAL PROJ FUND	30,725	30,945				
49180-0	TRANSFER FR INTERNAL SERVICE F		141,769		17,185	17,185	
49600-0	OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTION DONATIONS	7,800					
49840-0	DAMAGE CLAIM FROM OTHERS	1,100					
49930-0	JURY DUTY PAY		20				
OTAL FO	R REVENUE	891,534	1,136,506	1,126,966	1,161,623	34,657	
1000 GI	ENERAL FUND	891,534	1,136,506	1,126,966	1,161,623	34,657	

# CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY
Company: 2400 CITY GRANTS
Budget Year: 2012

Account Description	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted
42230-0 DOJ MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	29,948	75,016	39,709		(39,709)
49130-0 TRANSFER FR GENERAL FUND		24,533	24,444		(24,444)
TOTAL FOR REVENUE	29,948	99,549	64,153		(64,153)
2400 CITY GRANTS	29,948	99,549	64,153		(64,153)

## **CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department**

Department: **CITY ATTORNEY** 

Budget Year: 2012 7100 CENTRAL SERVICES INTERNAL Company:

					Change From
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2011
Account Description	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted	Mayor's	Adopted
				Proposed	
SERVICES TO PUBLIC HOUSING	202,387	288,126	358,654	368,591	9,937
SERVICES HRA REV BONDS	369,601	363,240	344,849	337,741	(7,108)
LEGAL SERVICES	703,351	814,560	350,344	346,086	(4,258)
TRANSFER FR ENTERPRISE FUND		32,807			
REFUNDS OVERPAYMENTS		19			
R REVENUE	1,275,339	1,498,752	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)
ENTRAL SERVICES INTERNAL	1,275,339	1,498,752	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)
OTAL FOR CITY ATTORNEY	2,196,820	2,734,807	2,244,966	2,214,041	(30,925)
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# City of Saint Paul Financing Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY

Fund: 1000 GENERAL FUND

	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted
Financing by Accounting Unit					
1000200 CITY ATTORNEY GENERAL OPS	891,534	1,136,506	1,126,966	1,161,623	34,657
TOTAL FOR DEPARTMENT	891,534	1,136,506	1,126,966	1,161,623	34,657
Financing by Major Account					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	2,200	42,697		40,000	40,000
FEES SALES AND SERVICES	833,185	920,030	1,084,231	1,104,438	20,207
FINE AND FORFEITURE	6,523	1,046	830		(830)
TRANSFERS IN OTHER FINANCING	49,625	172,734	41,905	17,185	(24,720)
TOTAL BY MAJOR ACCOUNT GROUP	891,534	1,136,506	1,126,966	1,161,623	34,657

Budget Year: 2012

# City of Saint Paul Financing Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY

Fund: 2400 CITY GRANTS

	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted
Financing by Accounting Unit					
1030200 VAWA STOP GRANT	29,948	99,549	64,153		(64,153)
TOTAL FOR DEPARTMENT	29,948	99,549	64,153		(64,153)
Financing by Major Account					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	29,948	75,016	39,709		(39,709)
TRANSFERS IN OTHER FINANCING		24,533	24,444		(24,444)
TOTAL BY MAJOR ACCOUNT GROUP	29,948	99,549	64,153		(64,153)

# City of Saint Paul Financing Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY

Fund: 7100 CENTRAL SERVICES INTERNAL

	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Adopted	2012 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2011 Adopted
Financing by Accounting Unit					
1010200 CITY ATTY OUTSIDE SERVICES	1,275,339	1,498,752	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)
TOTAL FOR DEPARTMENT	1,275,339	1,498,752	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)
Financing by Major Account					
FEES SALES AND SERVICES	1,275,339	1,465,926	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)
TRANSFERS IN OTHER FINANCING		32,826			
TOTAL BY MAJOR ACCOUNT GROUP	1,275,339	1,498,752	1,053,847	1,052,418	(1,429)