

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Law Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation Component Component Budget Summary

Component: Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation Component**Contribution to Department's Mission**

This component contributes to the Department's mission by prosecuting and convicting criminal offenders in specialized areas of the law, and by upholding those convictions on appeal.

Core Services

(A) The Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals (OSPA) represents the state in all felony appellate proceedings challenging convictions obtained in the trial courts, and handles most state and federal post-conviction and habeas corpus proceedings. These post-trial procedures are constitutionally required; when convicted criminals file such actions the state must respond. Without these functions, the efforts of criminal justice agencies to detect and punish crime through investigation, trial, and conviction would be nullified. OSPA also handles civil litigation challenging statutes related to criminal justice, such as sex offender registration and DNA databank.

(B) OSPA prosecutes economic and other complex crimes. In addition to filing criminal charges and conducting criminal trials, this office also gives day-to-day advice to special "white collar" investigation units. These prosecution services protect private investors, small businesses, and government agencies that are the victims of fraud or other wrongdoing. OSPA also handles cases involving criminal charges against police officers, or cases in which the local District Attorney's office has some kind of conflict with handling the case.

(C) OSPA prosecutes environmental crimes through a reimbursable services agreement with the Department of Environmental Conservation. These prosecution services protect the state's air and water quality by providing advice and assistance to state environmental investigators and by prosecuting appropriate criminal cases.

(D) OSPA prosecutes welfare cheaters through a reimbursable services agreement with the Department of Health and Social Services. These prosecution services protect the state's welfare system.

(E) Through a reimbursable services agreement with the Department of Revenue, OSPA prosecutes cases against individuals who fraudulently apply for a Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD). These prosecution efforts protect the integrity of the PFD program.

(F) OSPA prosecutes medical providers who cheat the Medicaid system, through a federal grant and matching state general funds. The unit can institute criminal prosecution for fraud or civil actions for overpayments. In addition, the unit is responsible for investigating and prosecuting abuse of patients in Medicaid-funded facilities.

(G) OSPA prosecutes selected fish and game cases, that are significant or have statewide importance.

(H) OSPA prosecutes criminal child support enforcement matters through a reimbursable services agreement from the Department of Revenue.

(I) OSPA prosecutes bootlegging and alcohol interdiction cases in Anchorage, Bethel, Nome and Kotzebue, and provides legal advice during investigations. Funding is through a reimbursable services agreement with Department of Public Safety, through a federal grant.

(J) OSPA works with the Alaska State Troopers "cold case" homicide unit to investigate and prosecute old, uncharged cases.

(K) OSPA houses the Division's "Rural Prosecution Unit." This is a federally funded unit whose job it is to support prosecution in rural Alaska. The attorneys and support staff in this unit work state-wide as needed to assist rural offices due to staffing shortages or increased caseloads.

(L) OSPA provides expertise and training state-wide in the area of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. This position also handles complex and high-profile prosecutions in this area.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results**FY2008 Component Budget: \$5,569,500****Personnel:**

Full time	41
Part time	1
Total	42

Key Component Challenges

See Key RDU challenges.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

See Results at RDU level.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

See Accomplishments at RDU level.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation Component Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	3,187.5	3,971.0	4,695.5
72000 Travel	148.9	180.3	184.1
73000 Services	478.9	543.5	543.5
74000 Commodities	117.3	89.4	92.9
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	47.0	53.5
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	3,932.6	4,831.2	5,569.5
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	657.8	1,416.7	1,562.3
1003 General Fund Match	148.8	162.9	181.2
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,375.7	2,593.2	3,166.8
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	622.6	658.4	659.2
1134 Fish and Game Criminal Fines and Penalties	127.7	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	3,932.6	4,831.2	5,569.5

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	657.8	1,416.7	1,562.3
Interagency Receipts	51015	622.6	658.4	659.2
Fish and Game Fund	51045	127.7	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		1,408.1	2,075.1	2,221.5
Total Estimated Revenues		1,408.1	2,075.1	2,221.5

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	2,756.1	1,416.7	658.4	4,831.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer of Federal Funds to Second Judicial District to Fully Fund Paralegal II	0.0	-2.0	0.0	-2.0
-FY 08 Health Insurance Increases for Exempt Employees	2.7	0.9	0.8	4.4
-Fund Source Adjustment for Retirement Systems Increases	94.0	0.0	-94.0	0.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increased Caseload - Cost of Travel	3.8	0.0	0.0	3.8
-New Attorney V - Fish and Game Prosecution	160.0	0.0	0.0	160.0
-FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases	331.4	146.7	94.0	572.1
FY2008 Governor	3,348.0	1,562.3	659.2	5,569.5

**Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation Component
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2008</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	40	41	Annual Salaries	2,912,499
Part-time	1	1	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	1,995,256
			<i>Less 4.32% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(212,255)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	41	42	Total Personal Services	4,695,500

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Attorney III	2	0	0	0	2
Attorney IV	12	0	0	0	12
Attorney V	9	1	1	0	11
Attorney VI	0	0	1	0	1
Internal Auditor IV	1	0	0	0	1
Investigator II	1	0	0	0	1
Investigator III	3	0	0	0	3
Law Office Assistant I	5	1	0	0	6
Law Office Assistant II	1	0	0	0	1
Paralegal II	1	0	0	0	1
Victim/Witness Paralegal I	1	0	0	0	1
Victim/Witness Paralegal II	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	38	2	2	0	42