

# **State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Law Office of the Attorney General Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Office of the Attorney General

### Contribution to Department's Mission

Article III, section 25, of the Alaska Constitution provides that the governor appoints the head of each principal department, including the attorney general, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, and that the head of each principal department serves at the pleasure of the governor.

AS 44.23.010 names the attorney general as the principal executive officer of the Department of Law. In this role, the Attorney General provides leadership and policy direction to the department in its comportment of its mission to provide legal services to state government and to prosecute crime.

AS 44.23.020 states that the “attorney general is the legal advisor of the governor and other state officers.”

### Core Services

The Attorney General is the principal executive officer of the Alaska Department of Law. In this role the Attorney General is responsible for both the legal and the administrative aspects of the department's operations. This component supports the Attorney General and immediate staff to carry out statutorily defined functions.

The Attorney General serves as legal advisor for the governor and other state officers. In addition, the Attorney General is responsible for representing the state in all civil actions to which it is a party; prosecuting all cases involving violation of state law; administering state legal services, including furnishing written legal opinions and giving advice on laws or proposed legislation; drafting legal instruments for the state; and bringing, prosecuting, and defending all necessary actions in the name of the state for the collection of revenue. The Attorney General serves as a trustee on both the Permanent Fund Board and the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council. The Attorney General is a member of the National Association of Attorneys General and serves on their executive committee, as one of their representatives to the Council on State Governments, and acts as their Supreme Court Liaison. The Attorney General is also a member of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. The Attorney General is co-chair of the Rural Justice Commission of Alaska along with the U.S. Attorney. The Attorney General is chair of the Alaska-Alberta Bilateral Council and is a member of the Stranded Gas Act Negotiating team.

Core Services include:

Protect the interests of Alaska citizens and the resources of the state by ensuring that effective, high-quality legal services are provided to state agencies and officers.

Prosecute those who violate state laws.

Assist law enforcement agencies with criminal investigations by providing legal and tactical advice.

Enhance oversight of the department's Indian Law work.

Enhance oversight of the department's oil and gas work.

Reduce fraud in benefit programs.

Represent and defend the state in legal actions.

Implement the Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Manage the department's resources effectively and efficiently to provide support for the work of the department's employees.

Participate actively in interdepartmental efforts to improve government services to Alaskans.

### FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2009 Component Budget: \$612,200</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	3
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

### Key Component Challenges

See key component challenges at the Department level.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

See changes in results delivered at the Department level.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

Accomplishments are shown at the Department level.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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**Office of the Attorney General  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	302.7	356.6	357.2
72000 Travel	56.7	20.6	20.6
73000 Services	82.0	164.8	213.5
74000 Commodities	8.1	10.9	10.9
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	10.0	10.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>449.5</b>	<b>562.9</b>	<b>612.2</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	449.5	562.9	612.2
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>449.5</b>	<b>562.9</b>	<b>612.2</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2008 Management Plan</b>	<b>562.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>562.9</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-ETS Chargeback Redistribution	48.7	0.0	0.0	48.7
-FY 09 Health Insurance Increases for Exempt Employees	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
<b>FY2009 Governor</b>	<b>612.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>612.2</b>

**Office of the Attorney General  
Personal Services Information**

<b>Authorized Positions</b>		<b>Personal Services Costs</b>		
<u>FY2008</u>				
	<u>Management</u>	<u>FY2009</u>		
	<u>Plan</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
			Annual Salaries	247,991
Full-time	3	3	Premium Pay	0
Part-time	0	0	Annual Benefits	109,825
Nonpermanent	0	0	<i>Less 0.17% Vacancy Factor</i>	(616)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>357,200</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commissioner	1	0	0	0	1
Exec Secretary III	0	0	1	0	1
Spec Asst To The Comm II	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>