



Department of Law

Department Overview House Finance Subcommittee

Jahna Lindemuth
Attorney General



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The Alaska Department of Law

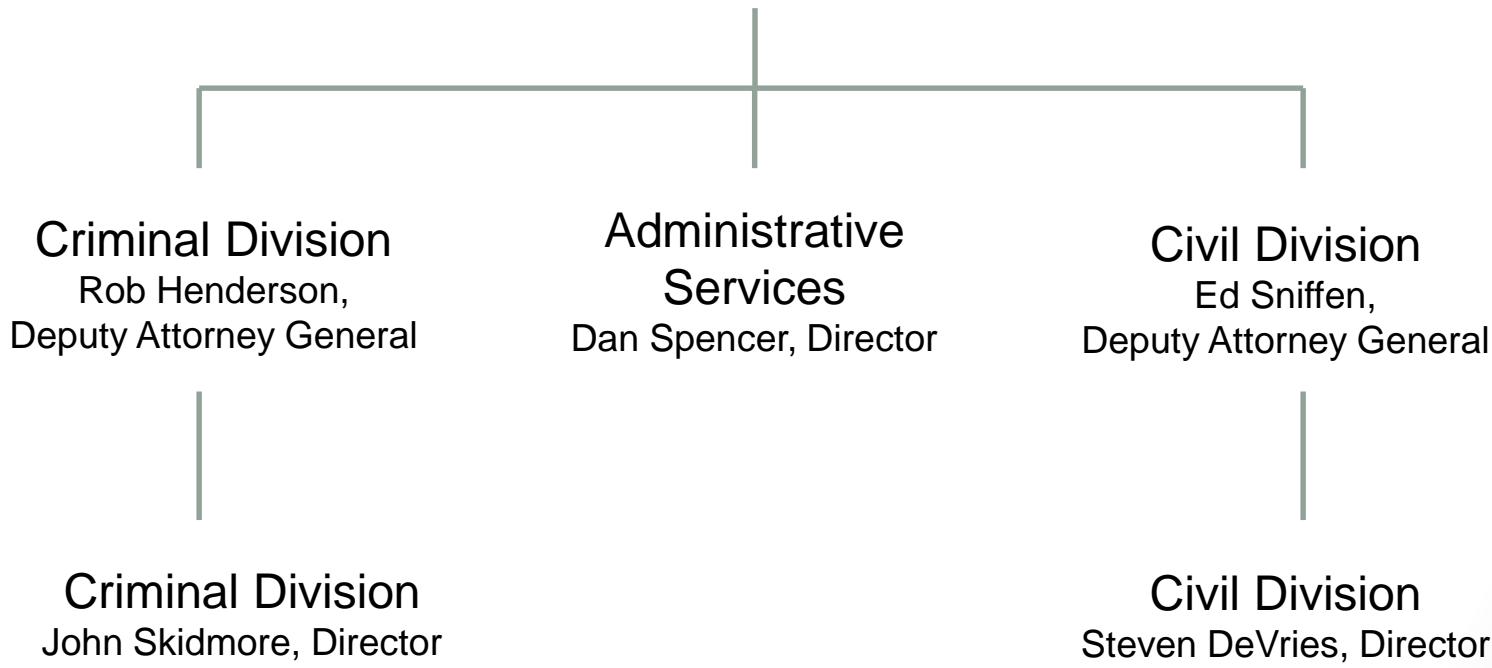
- Provides legal services to state government
- Prosecutes crime

for the protection and benefit of Alaska's citizens

Organizational Chart

Attorney General

Jahna Lindemuth



Staffing Information

Attorney General

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Criminal Division
Rob Henderson,
Deputy Attorney General

Administrative Services
Dan Spencer, Director

Civil Division
Ed Sniffen,
Deputy Attorney General

FY19 AGO/ASD
Attorney General: 1
Support staff: 18

Criminal Division
John Skidmore, Director

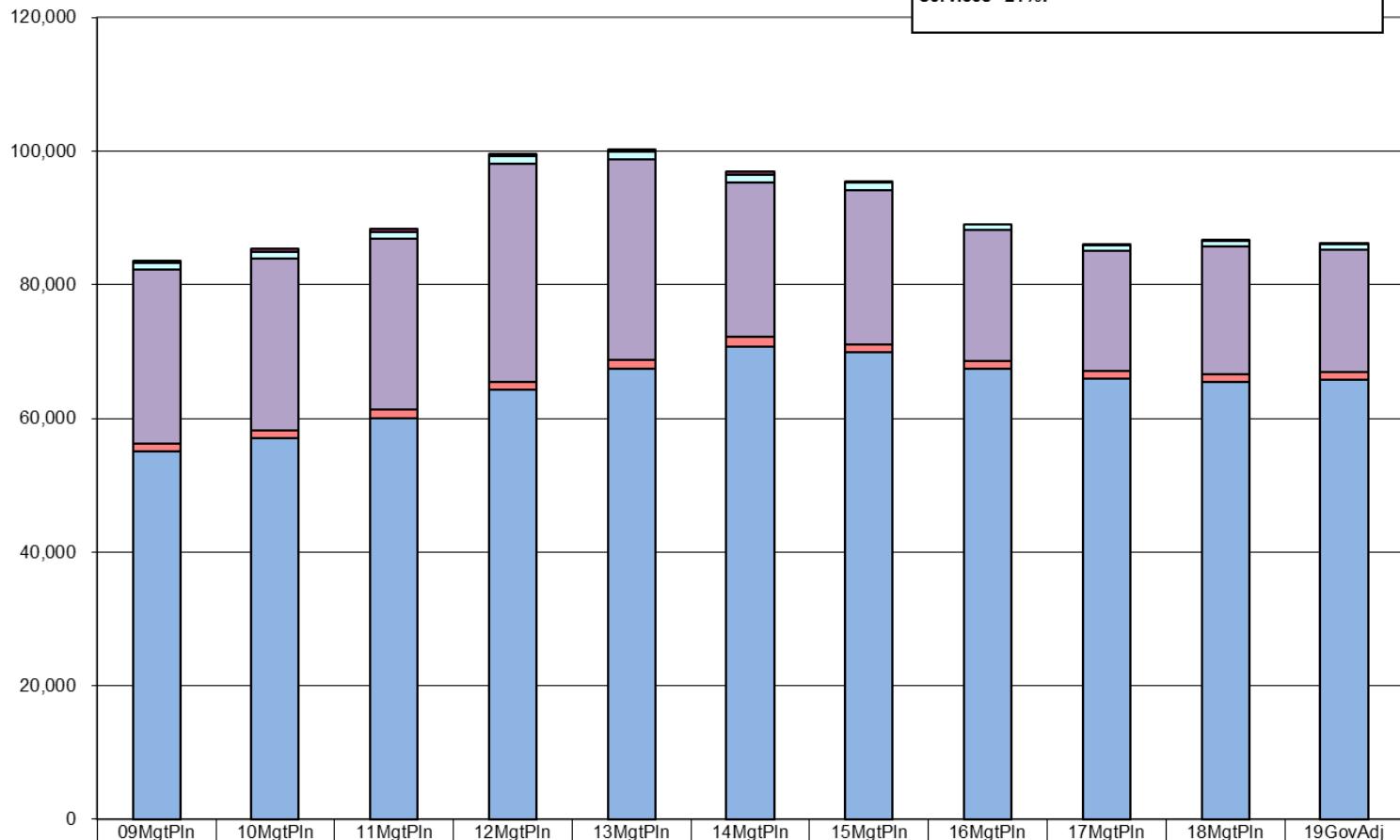
FY19 Criminal Division
Prosecutors: 118
Support staff: 102

Civil Division
Steven DeVries, Director

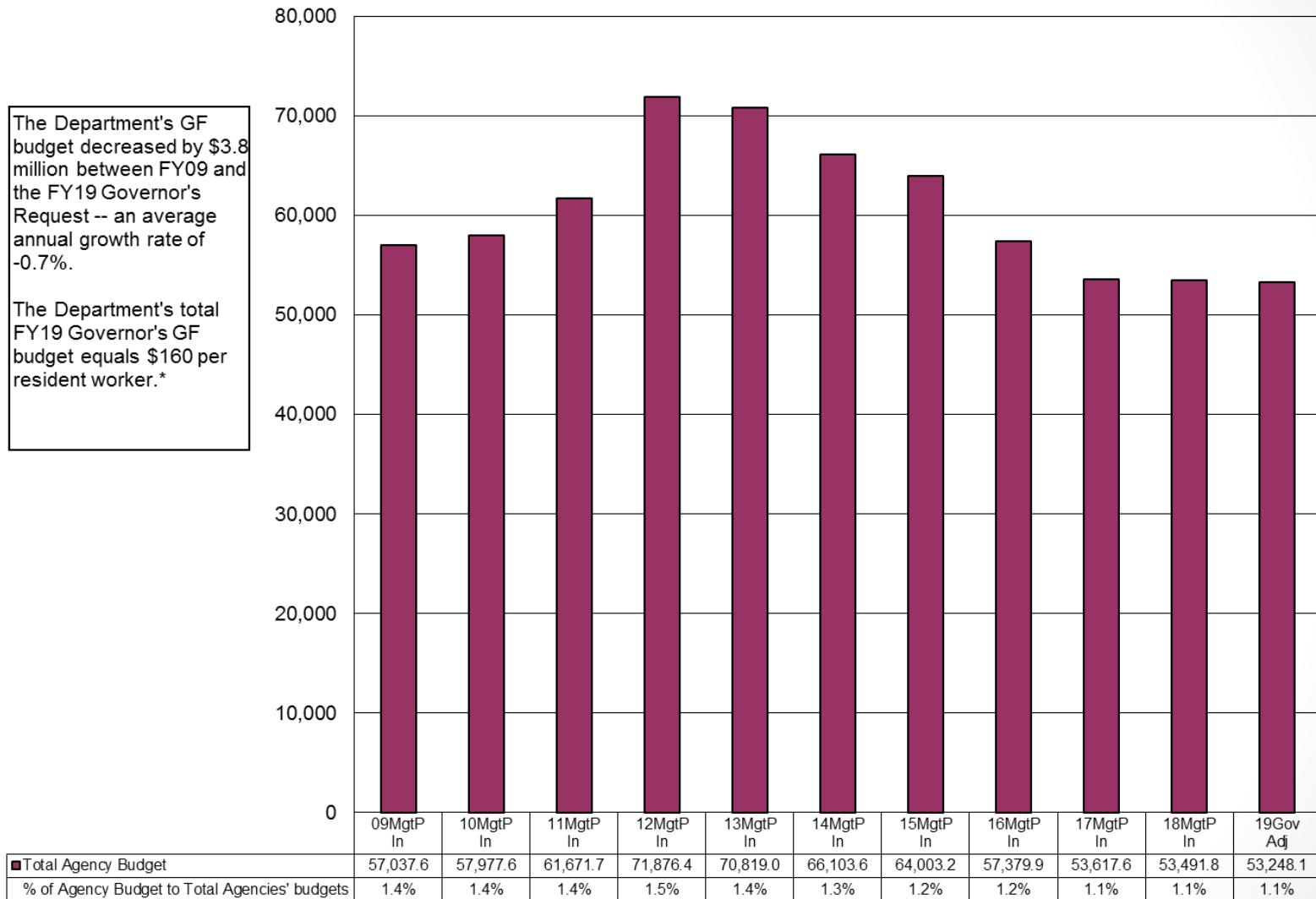
FY19 Civil Division
Attorneys: 148
Support staff: 113

Department of Law Line Items
(All Funds)
(\$ Thousands)

The majority of FY19 funding in the Department of Law's budget is comprised of the following two line items:
Personal Services--76%
Services--21%.



Department of Law's Share of Total Agency Operations (GF Only) (\$ Thousands)



* According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 332,583 resident workers in Alaska in 2015.

Three main focuses of general fund spending:

Protecting
Children

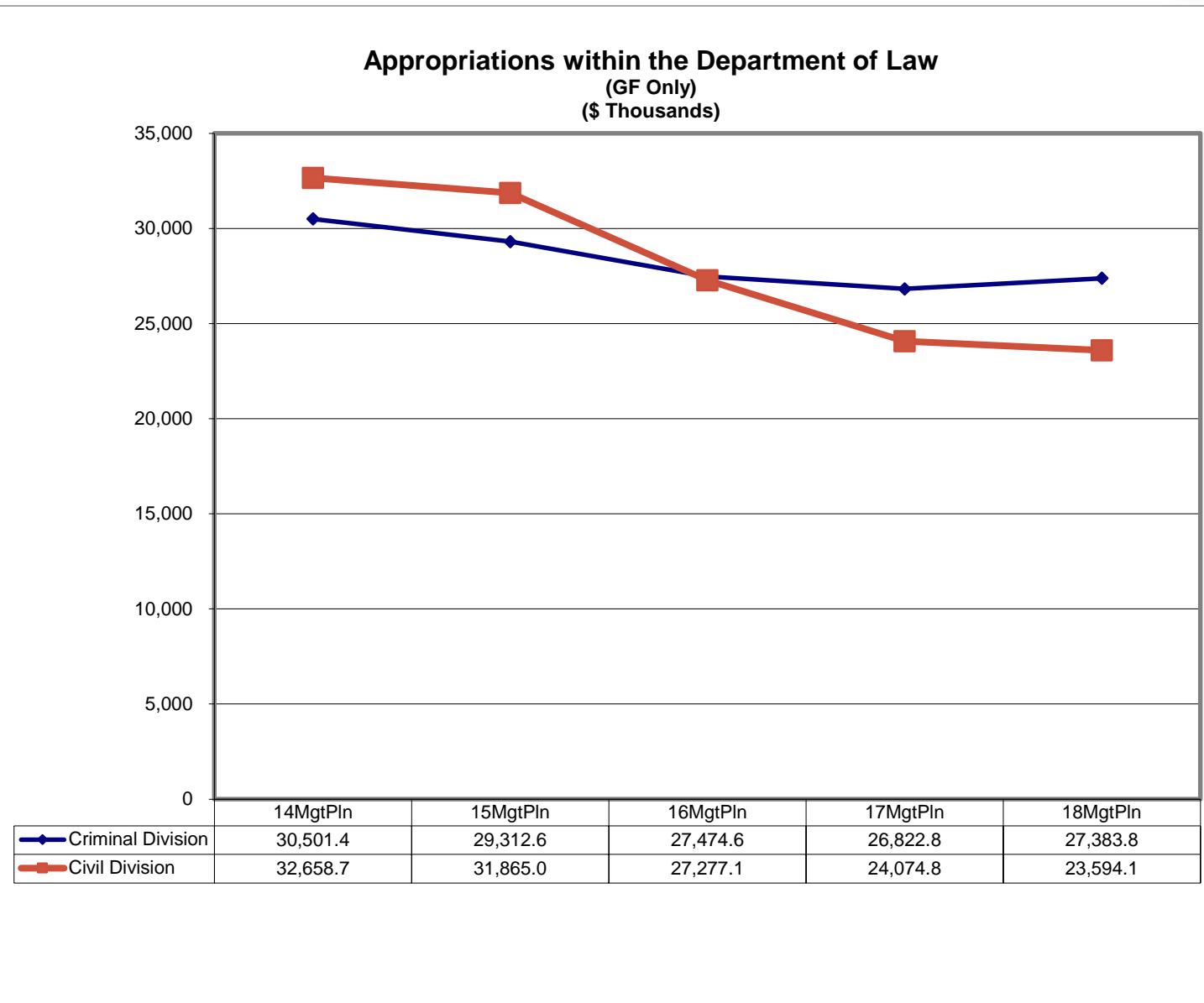
Statehood
and Revenue
Protection

Prosecuting
Crimes



Change in GF Budget FY14-FY18

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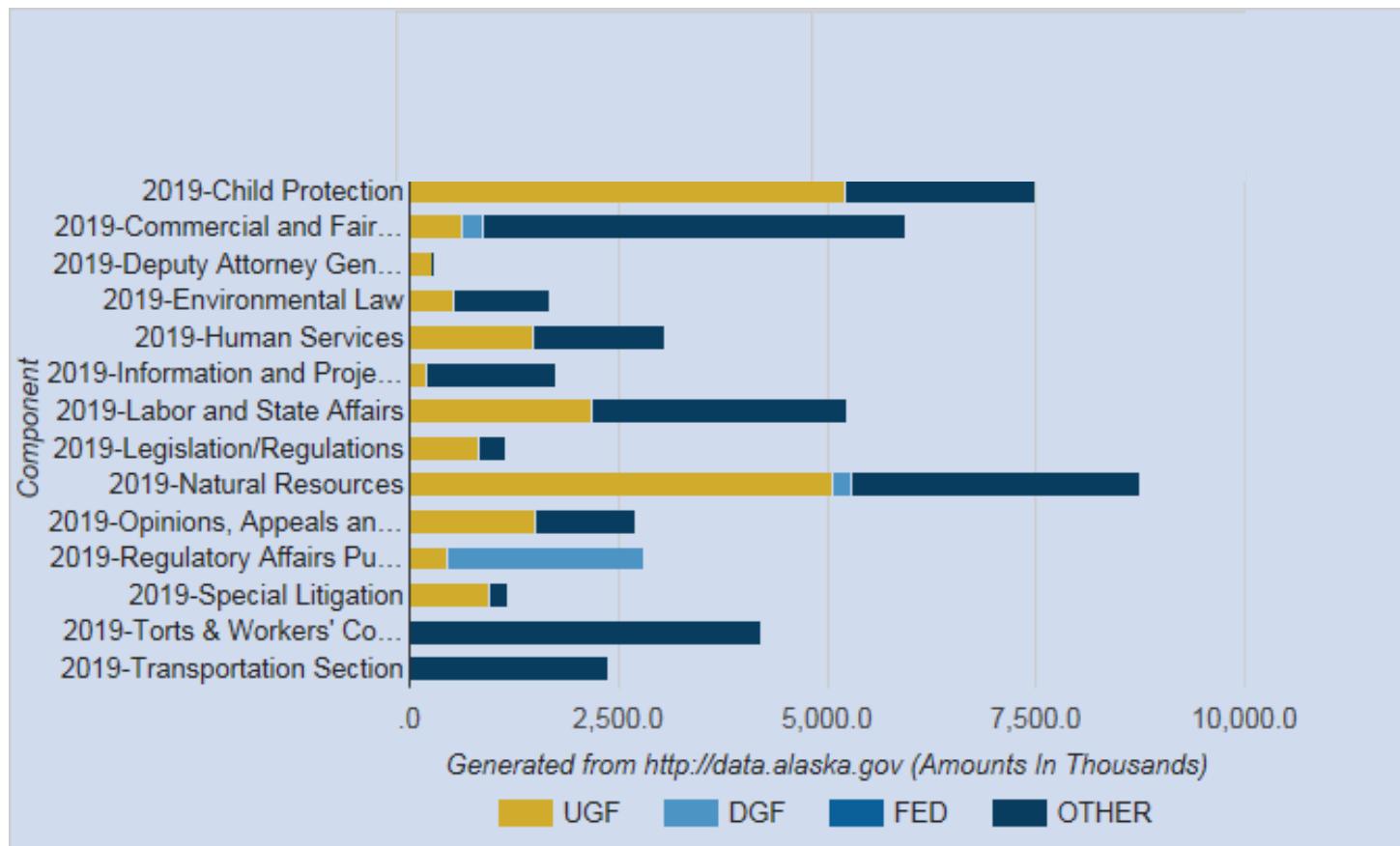


Civil Division Core Services

- Protecting Alaskans' safety and financial well-being
- Fostering conditions for responsible development of our natural resources
- Protecting the fiscal integrity of the State, and
- Promoting good governance

Civil Division

FY19 All Funds by Component



Civil Division

FY14 to FY18 Budget Comparisons

UGF Budget Comparison (in thousands)

	FY14 Mgmt Plan	FY18 Mgmt Plan	% Change FY14 to FY18
Department Total	63,376.5	50,328.5	(20.6%)
Civil Division	30,024.9	20,460.8	(32.0%)

Personal Services Comparison (PCNs)

	FY14 Mgmt Plan	FY18 Mgmt Plan	Change FY14 to FY18
Department Total	579	499	(80)
Civil Division	311 (includes three PT)	262	(49)

Personal Services Comparison (Attorneys v. Support Staff)

	FY14 Mgmt Plan	FY18 Mgmt Plan	Change FY14 to FY18
Attorneys	169 (includes two PT)	149	(20)
Support Staff	142 (includes one PT)	113	(29)

Civil Division: Protecting Alaskans



Commercial and Fair Business (18 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Stacy Steinberg
- Enforces consumer protection and antitrust laws on behalf of Alaskans and represents the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development



Human Services (11 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Stacie Kraly
- Protects vulnerable adults and provides advice and representation to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)



Opinions, Appeals and Ethics (10 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Joanne Grace
- Defends the state in federal and state appellate courts including Child in Need of Aid (CINA) appeals



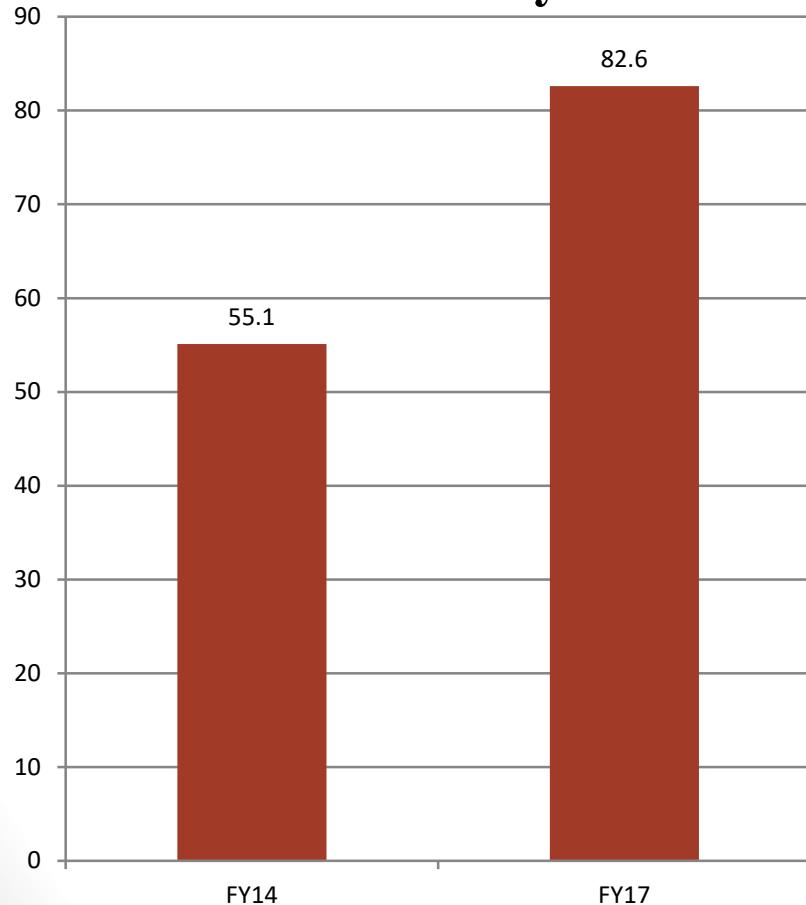
Child Protection (24 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Carla Erickson
- Represents the Office of Children's Services (OCS) in all CINA proceedings

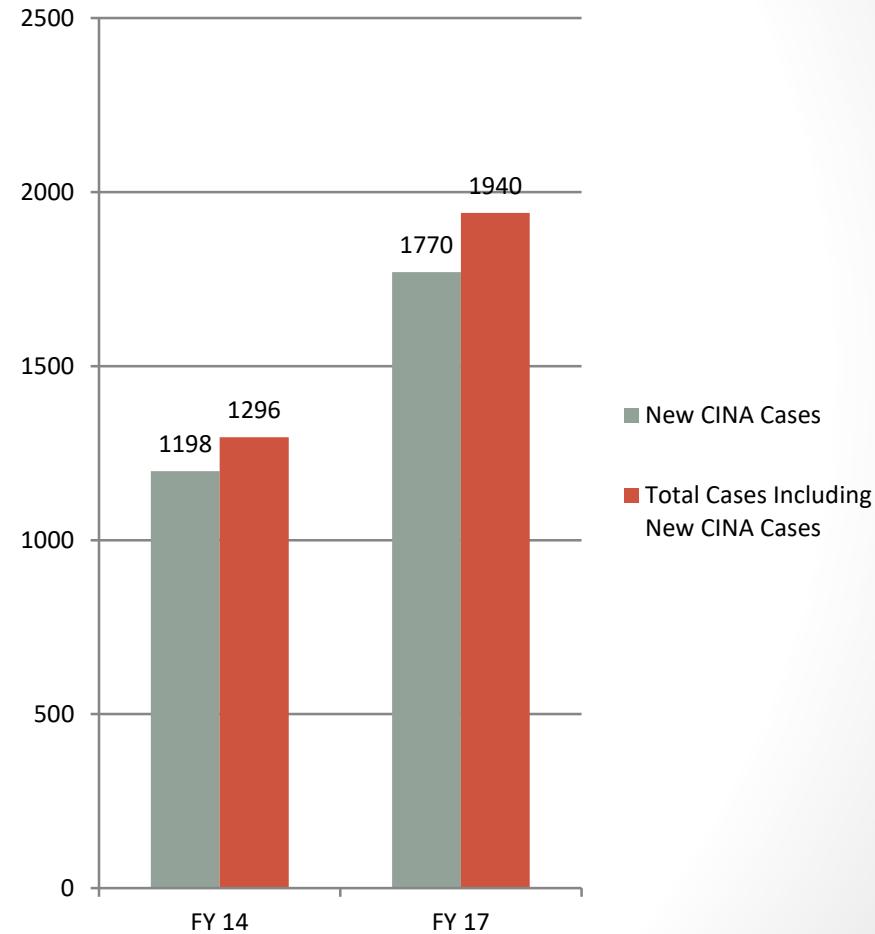
Protecting Vulnerable Children

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**CINA Case Load Averages
Per Attorney**



CINA Cases



Civil Division:

Protecting Fiscal Integrity & Fostering Economic Development



Natural Resources (22 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Seth Beausang
- Represents the state's interests in statehood defense, natural resource management, and securing taxes and royalties owed to the state



Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy (4 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: John Ptacin
- Protects the state's fiscal interests in pipeline tariff proceedings before the FERC and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) , and protects Alaskan consumer interests in public utility proceedings before the RCA



Special Litigation (5 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Margaret Paton-Walsh
- Handles high-profile, expedited and complex litigation, including constitutional challenges and elections matters

Statehood Defense and Revenue Protection

Izembek National Wildlife Refuge



Trans-Alaska Pipeline



Civil Division:

Protecting Fiscal Integrity & Fostering Economic Development



Environmental Law (8 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Steve Mulder
- Represents the state's interest in clean water and air matters, and in hazardous waste discharge cases, including cleanup cost recovery



Transportation (9 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Jeff Stark
- Represents the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities on the construction and operation of public facilities, and major development projects across the state



Torts and Workers' Compensation (16 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Susan Cox
- Provides advice and defense to state agencies and employees in tort suits, and defends the state as an employer in workers' compensation claims

Civil Division:

Promoting Good Governance



Labor and State Affairs (17 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Janell Hafner
- Provides advice and representation to a wide variety of executive and quasi state agencies



Legislation and Regulations (3 attorneys)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Susan Pollard
- Oversees all legislative drafting, coordinates review of proposed legislation and oversees regulations projects for all state agencies



Information and Project Support (1 attorney)

- Chief Assistant Attorney General: Alan Birnbaum
- Provides advice to the Office of Information Technology and the State Security Office to ensure the security of state data systems, and oversees Public Records Act responses



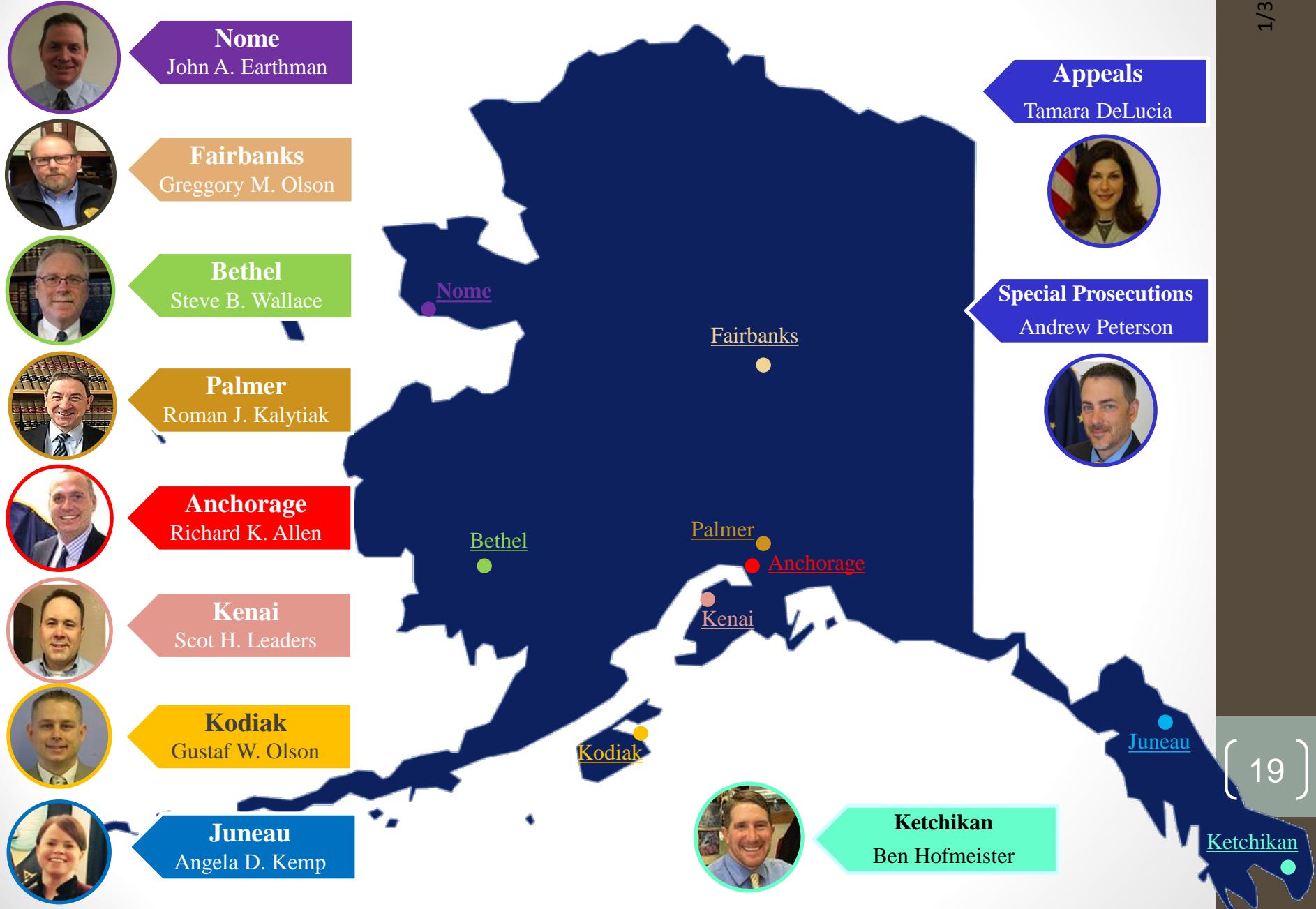
Criminal Division

Mission

The mission of the Criminal Division is to seek justice, promote public safety, and further public respect for government through prompt, effective, and compassionate prosecution of cases. The Criminal Division will prosecute cases in a manner that advocates for the interests of the public including victims, respects the law enforcement agencies, responsibly stewards public resources, and holds offenders accountable while at the same time protecting the constitutional and legal rights of the accused.

Criminal Division

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Criminal Division

FY14 to FY18 Budget Comparisons

UGF Budget Comparison (in thousands)

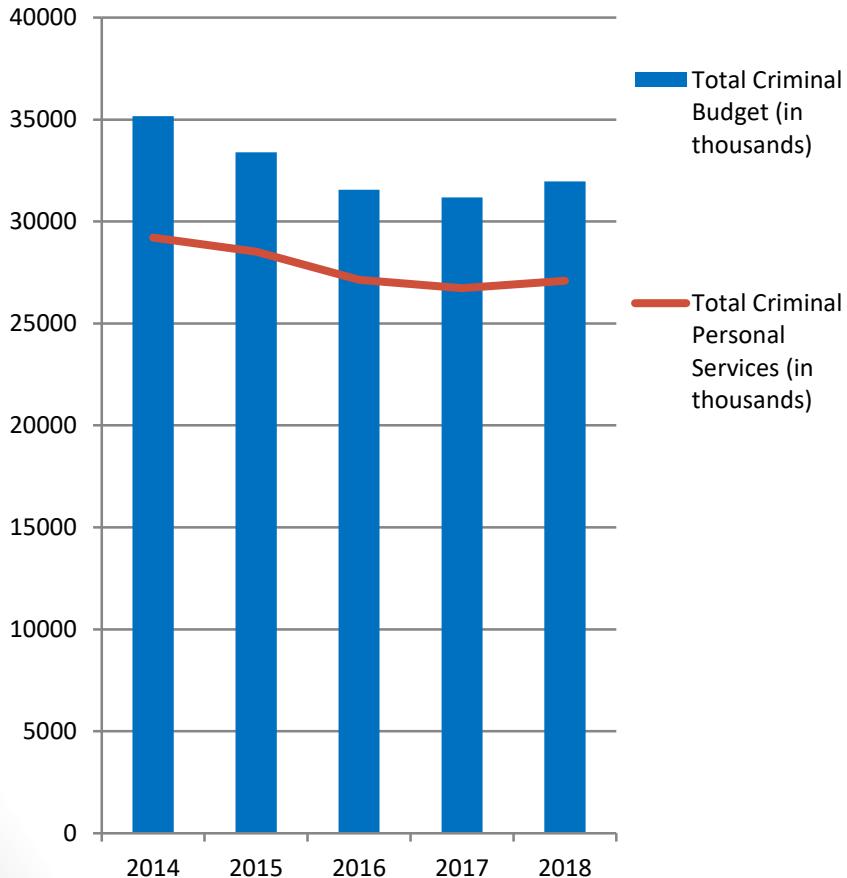
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Personal Services Comparison (PCNs)

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FY14-FY18 Criminal Budget

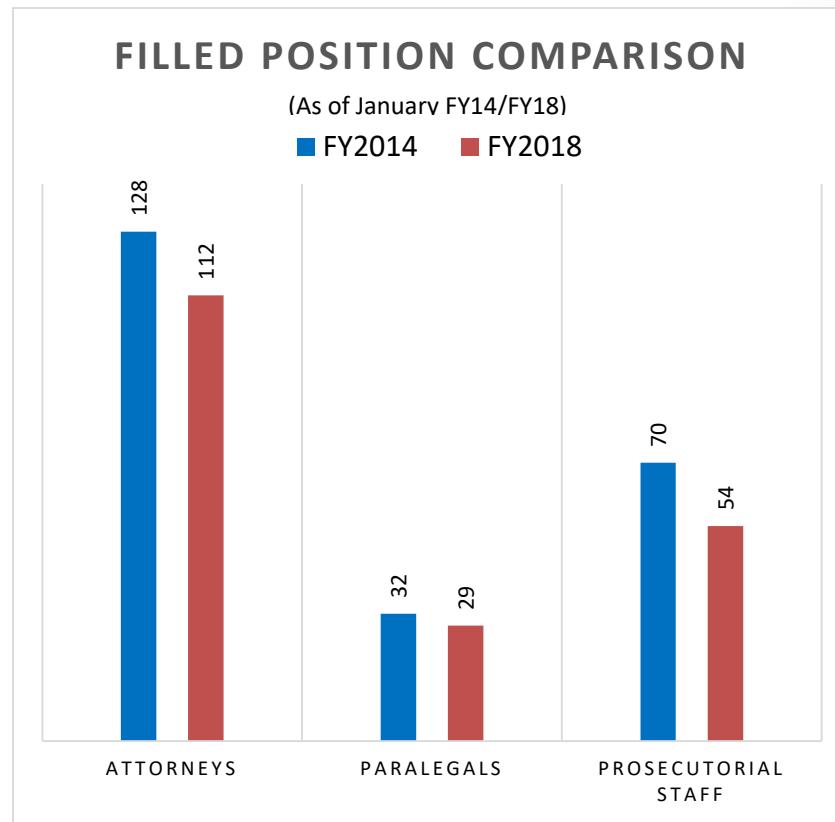
FY14-FY18 Criminal Division Total Budget vs. Personal Services Only
(in thousands)



FILLED POSITION COMPARISON

(As of January FY14/FY18)

FY2014 FY2018



Impacts of Budget Cuts

Budget cuts hit prosecutors hard

Juneau Empire

November 19, 2017

“We’re now in triage mode.” – Juneau DA Angie Kemp.

Budget cuts hit prosecutors hard

Amid crime wave, fewer hands and less time to convict criminals



Prosecutors say staff shortage hurting cases



By Rebecca Palsha | Posted Fri 3:44 PM, Nov 03, 2017

“You've only got so many hours in a day, so ... you're trying to triage... to prioritize cases where there's violent offenders, cases where there's kids involved, homicide cases.” – Anchorage Asst. DA Laura Dulic, [KTUU on Nov. 3, 2017](#)

After budget cuts and crime spikes, Alaska prosecutors struggle to keep up

Alaska Public Media

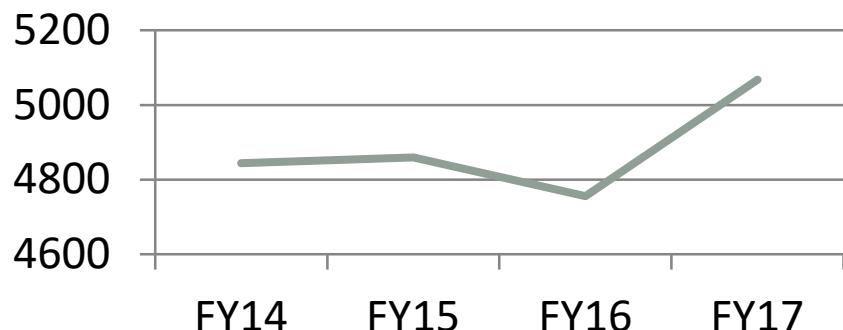
January 9, 2018

“Our numbers of felonies have gone up substantially over the past year [vehicular homicides, domestic violence assaults and felony drunk driving]...” – Nome Asst. DA Tom Jamgochian.

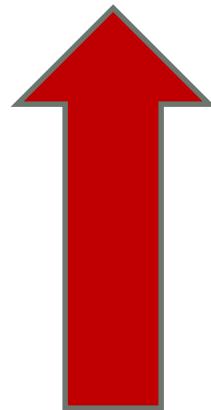


Criminal Prosecutions

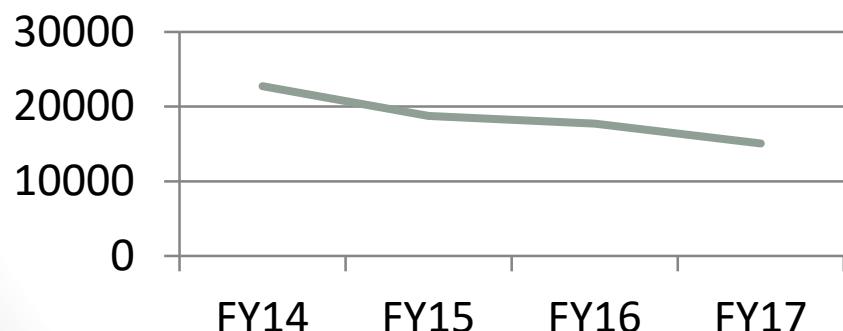
Felony Prosecutions



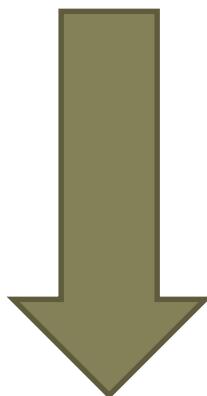
Felony Prosecutions
up 4.6% (224)
from 2014



Misdemeanor Prosecutions



Misdemeanors
down 34% (7670)
from 2014



Changes in FY19

➤ Criminal Division: Implement the Public Safety Action Plan

- 1 prosecutor in Second Judicial District, Kotzebue: \$214.7
- 2 prosecutors and 2 support staff in Third Judicial District, Anchorage: \$473.1
- 1 prosecutor and 1 support staff in Fourth Judicial District, Bethel: \$310.5
- 1 prosecutor to act as the Statewide Drug Prosecutor in Anchorage: \$164.9
- Public Safety Action Plan implementation totals: 8 positions, \$1,163.2 UGF

➤ Criminal Division: Reduce SDPR in Second Judicial District, Utqiagvik

- Elimination of uncollectable Statutory Designated Program Receipt authority: (\$184.5)
- Budget authority is no longer necessary; the prior agreement with the North Slope Bureau expired

➤ Civil Division: Reduce Inter-State Pipeline Fund I/A receipts in RAPA

- Elimination of uncollectable ISPF I/A receipt authority: (\$138.6)
- Budget authority is no longer necessary as it is associated with a project no longer being pursued

➤ Administrative Services: Office of Information Technology Consolidation

- 7 positions moved from Law's Administrative Services component to the Department of Administration's Office of Information Technology (OIT)
- Line-item transfer from Personal Services to Contractual Services to accommodate RSA: \$766.6

Thank you

Any questions?