



Department of Law

Department Overview House Finance Committee

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MISSION

The Alaska Department of Law

- **Provides legal services to state government**
- **Prosecutes crime**

for the protection and benefit of Alaska's citizens

Management Team



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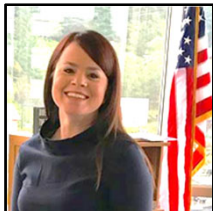
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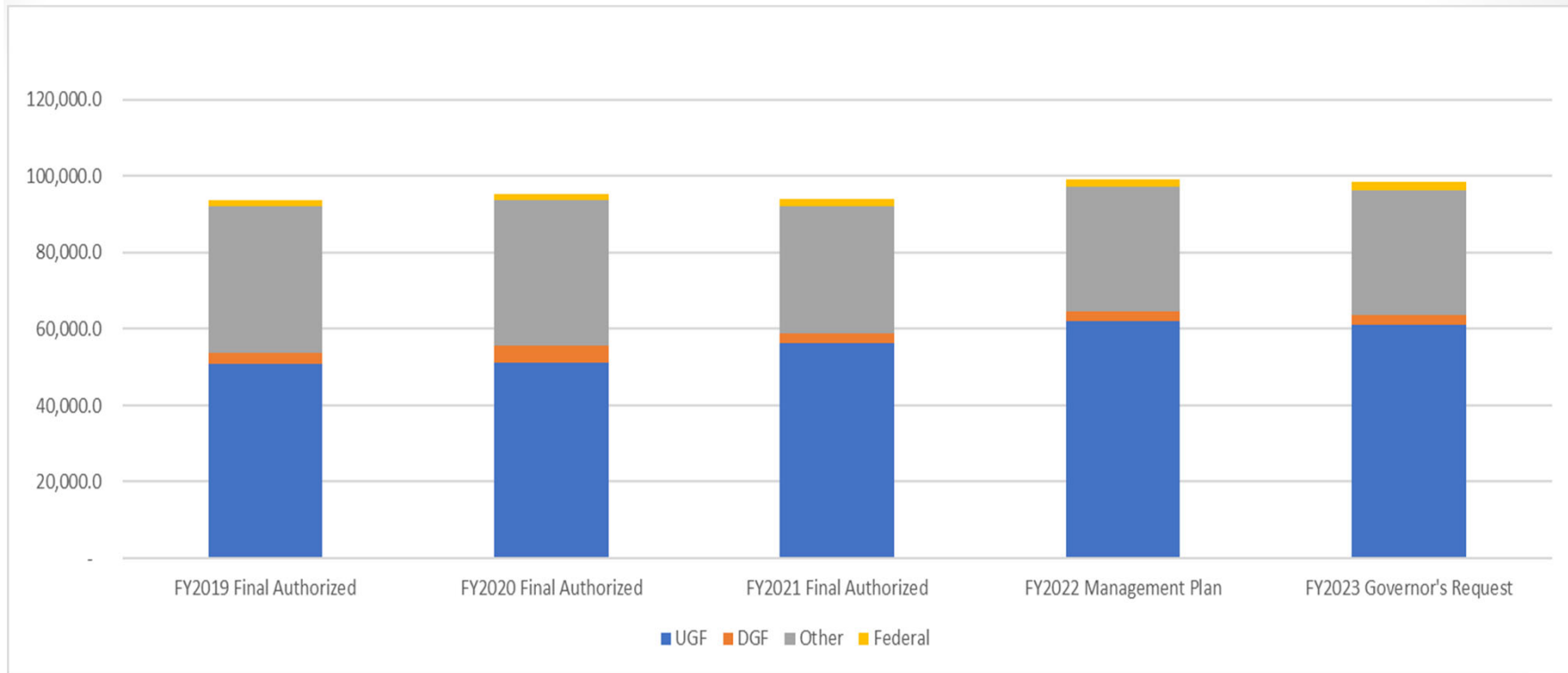
FY2023 Department of Law Operating Budget Changes

(amounts shown in thousands)

- Fully-Fund Criminal Prosecutors and Staff Added in FY2022: \$749.8
 - The FY2022 Governor's budget included 19 new prosecutors and support permanent full-time positions for the Criminal Division. The Legislature accepted this proposal but only appropriated 75% of the required funds. The Governor's FY2023 budget includes the remaining 25% in order to support these full-time positions year-round.
- Expand Statehood Defense: \$4,000.0
 - The State of Alaska faces significant challenges from the federal government on a variety of issues, most notably to Alaska's independent stewardship over its lands and waterways. These challenges require swift and robust response, and a multi-year appropriation for statehood defense was approved in the FY2022 budget. The FY2023 Governor's budget includes a new \$4 million multi-year appropriation to strengthen the state's response to these federal encroachments.

Department of Law FY2019-FY2023 Operating Budget Comparison

(amounts shown in thousands)



FY2019 Final Authorized	FY2020 Final Authorized	FY2021 Final Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor's Request	Difference Between FY2019 and FY2023	% Difference Between FY2019 and FY2023
50,903.0	51,228.6	56,164.7	61,953.2	61,026.5	10,123.5	19.9%
2,882.2	4,510.4	2,691.5	2,776.5	2,746.7	(135.5)	-4.7%
38,406.4	37,823.0	33,215.9	32,488.3	32,651.4	(5,755.0)	-15.0%
1,498.5	1,768.7	2,026.4	2,035.5	2,056.2	557.7	37.2%
93,690.1	95,330.7	94,098.5	99,253.5	98,480.8	4,790.7	5.1%



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 state of cases.

What we do not do

- Prosecute federal crimes
- Prosecute municipal crimes
- Investigate criminal conduct

Criminal Division

1/26/2022

Statewide Services

- 9 District Attorney Offices
- 4 satellite offices (Utqiagvik, Kotzebue, Dillingham, and Sitka)
- Criminal Appeals
- Special Prosecutions
- Central Office



Appeals

Tamara DeLucia



Special Prosecutions

Jenna Gruenstein



Nome

John Earthman



Fairbanks

Joe Dallaire



Bethel

Christopher Knowles



Palmer

Tom Hoffer



Anchorage

Brittany Dunlop



Kenai

Scot Leaders



Kodiak

Gustaf Olson



Juneau

Angela Kemp



Ketchikan

Kristian Pickrell

FY22 Criminal Division Increment Update

10 Prosecutors

- 8 filled (Bethel, Anchorage x2, Palmer, Kenai, Juneau, Special Prosecutions, Fairbanks)
- 2 in recruitment (Special Prosecutions and Nome)

6 Paralegals

- 6 Filled

3 Law Office Assistants

- 3 Filled

Department of Law

Recruitment and Retention

Criminal Division Statewide Snapshot

Vacant Positions:

- Attorneys: 22
- Victim/Witness Paralegals: 2
- Other staff: 7

Positions in Active Recruitment:

- Attorneys: 11
- Victim/Witness Paralegals: 2
- Other staff: 4

Civil Division Statewide Snapshot

Vacant Positions:

- Attorneys: 15
- Paralegals: 0
- Other staff: 9

Positions in Active Recruitment:

- Attorneys: 18*
- Paralegals: 1*
- Other staff: 7

* = There are currently more active recruitments for attorneys and paralegals than vacancies due to several incumbents who have given early notice for a future separation from service.



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

Protecting Alaskans

- Commercial and Fair Business
- Human Services
- Opinions, Appeals and Ethics
- Child Protection

Promoting Good Governance

- Labor and State Affairs
- Legislation and Regulations
- Information and Project Support
- Public Corporations and Government Services

Protecting Fiscal Integrity & Fostering Economic Development

- Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy
- Special Litigation
- Natural Resources
- Oil and Gas
- Environmental
- Transportation
- Torts
- Workers' Compensation

Civil Division

**Child
Protection**



**Good
Governance**



**Statehood
Rights**



Civil Division Multi-Year Appropriation

The sum of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Law, Civil Division, for litigation relating to the defense of rights to develop and protect the state's natural resources, to access land, to manage its fish and wildlife resources, and to protect state sovereignty in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

General Strategy



Use of Multi-Year Appropriation Funding

Primarily funded by MYA

ANCSA 17(d)(1) Revocation Delays

Biden Oil and Gas Leasing Moratorium (LA Case)

GHG Social Costs (MO Case)

Fortymile Rivers Quiet Title Actions

Secondarily funded by MYA

Ambler Road Challenges

ANWR 1002 Area Leasing Program

Chicken Trail RS2477

NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan Challenges

Pebble Mine Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit

Willow Project Challenges

Matters Being Actively Monitored

Primarily funded by MYA

BLM Resource Management Plans

Federally Contaminated Sites transferred to Native Corps and State

Navigable Waterways

RS 2477s

Tongass National Forest

Secondarily funded by MYA

Endangered Species Act decisions (e.g., ringed seal, humpback whales)

Clean Water Act

Typical Case Costs

Navigable Waters / RS 2477

Cost type	Est. Annual Hours	Est. Annual Cost	3-year Lifecycle Cost (not including appeal)
Attorney	700	\$119,000	\$357,000
Paralegal	550	\$59,950	\$179,850
Costs (travel, court reporters, tech)		\$50,000	\$150,000
	TOTAL	\$218,000	\$686,850

APA Case Costs: District Court

Cost type	Total Hours per Case	Est. Annual Cost	Est. 2-year Lifecycle Cost (not including appeal)
Attorney	800	\$68,000	\$136,000
Paralegal	100	\$5,450	\$10,900
Costs (travel, court reporters, tech)		\$750	\$1,500
	TOTAL	\$74,200	\$148,400

APA Case Costs: Appellate Court

Cost type	Total Hours per Case	Est. Annual Cost	Est. 2-year Lifecycle Cost (not including remand, if any)
Attorney	250	\$21,250	\$42,500
Paralegal	40	\$2,180	\$4,360
	TOTAL	\$23,430	\$46,860

NOTE: Where the State of Alaska signs on to a brief, estimate 40% of the rounded costs (\$59,360). For an estimate of outside counsel costs, multiply state costs by two.

Thank you

Any questions?