



# Department of Law

## Department Overview

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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



**Deputy Attorney General**

John Skidmore  
Criminal Division



**Attorney General**

Treg Taylor



**Deputy Attorney General**

Cori Mills  
Civil Division



**Director**

Angie Kemp  
Criminal Division



**Director**

Amber LeBlanc  
Administrative Services Division



**Director**

Stacie Kraly  
Civil Division

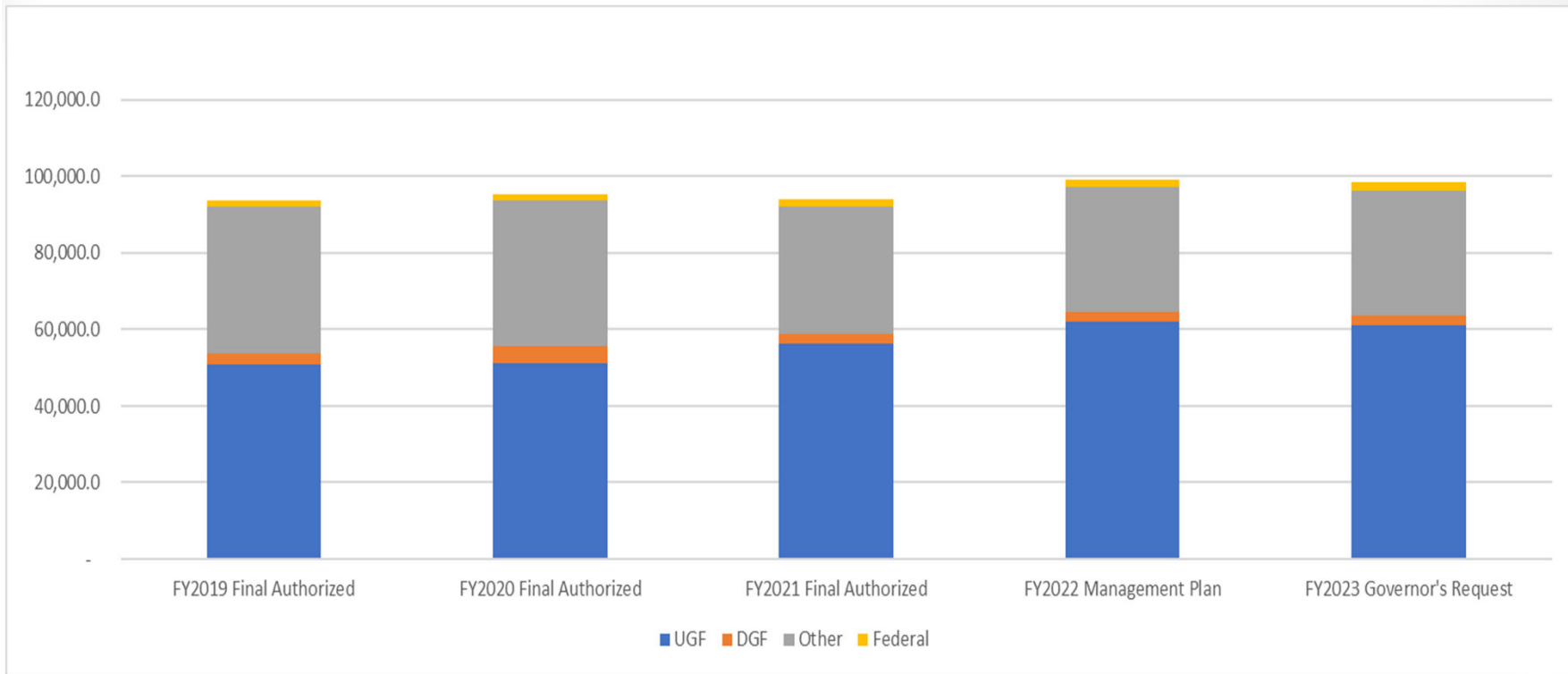
# FY2023 Department of Law Operating Budget Changes

(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%
<b>93,690.1</b>	<b>95,330.7</b>	<b>94,098.5</b>	<b>99,253.5</b>	<b>98,480.8</b>	<b>4,790.7</b>	<b>5.1%</b>



# 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

## 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

Vacant



### Anchorage

Brittany Dunlop



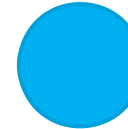
### Kenai

Scot Leaders



### Kodiak

Gustaf Olson



### Juneau

Vacant



### 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: 27
- Victim/Witness Paralegals: 4
- Other staff: 13

#### Positions in Active Recruitment:

- Attorneys: 12
- Victim/Witness Paralegals: 2
- Other staff: 10

### Civil Division Statewide Snapshot

#### Vacant Positions:

- Attorneys: 17
- Paralegals: 0
- Other staff: 7

#### Positions in Active Recruitment:

- Attorneys: 23\*
- Paralegals: 0
- Other staff: 5

\* = 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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$218,000</b>	<b>\$686,850</b>

## 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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,200</b>	<b>\$148,400</b>

## 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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,430</b>	<b>\$46,860</b>

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?