



Office of Law FY 2027 Budget Overview

Budget & Policy Analysis

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Office of Law



Drafts legislative and transactional documents



Provides legal advice to County government officials and employees

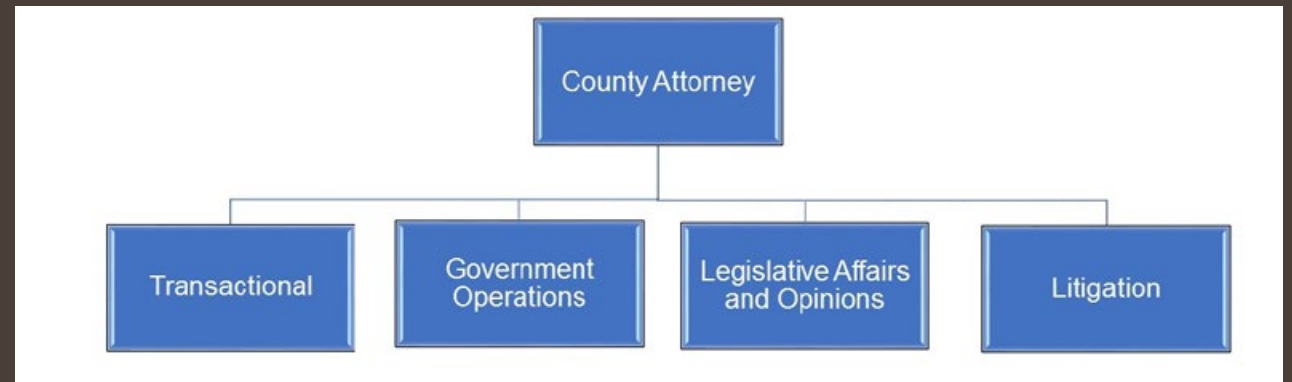


Represents the County in all civil actions before federal/State/Local courts and administrative bodies

Mission

- provides legal services to the County Executive, the County Council and County agencies, boards and commissions to help ensure that County government is operating in a lawful manner.

Anthony D. Jones, County Attorney



Strategic Focus FY 2027

Work efficiently with limited resources to provide quality legal services

Attempt to reduce the amount and number of adverse decisions resulting from litigation against the County by monitoring cases to identify trends and addressing problems with the applicable agency

Meeting with department leadership to assess the quality of services by the Office of Law

Continue to improve efficiency in responding to public information requests and moving forward with the development of open meetings and trainings for boards and commissions

FY 2027 Budget Summary

Proposed FY 2027

\$5.6 Million

Increase
\$791,500 or
16.5%

General Fund (100%)

**+\$8.09 Million
COMPENSATION**



\$702.2K OPERATING

+\$44.1K
Increase due to OIT and contractual services



\$2.7M FRINGE

+\$509K
Increase due to rate adjustment



\$5.9M Recoveries

Recoveries from Fire/EMS, DSS, DPIE, OOP, PGPD, DOE, DHA, OCS, and Risk Management

Annualization of FY 2026 salary adjustments

Fringe benefit increase of 20.3%

3 new staff positions

Increase in recoveries by 23.7%

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$6,808,358	\$6,735,500	\$6,916,000	\$8,099,900	\$1,364,400	20.3%
Fringe Benefits	2,280,276	2,167,700	2,190,500	2,676,700	509,000	23.5%
Operating	593,756	658,100	633,900	702,200	44,100	6.7%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$9,682,390	\$9,561,300	\$9,740,400	\$11,478,800	\$1,917,500	20.1%
Recoveries	(3,747,690)	(4,751,200)	(4,751,200)	(5,877,200)	(1,126,000)	23.7%
Total	\$5,934,700	\$4,810,100	\$4,989,200	\$5,601,600	\$791,500	16.5%

STAFFING

As of March 10, 2026, 59 out of 66 General Fund authorized positions were filled

The Office has authorized an Attorney 2G, 4G, and Administrative Specialist

Administrative Specialist 2G position remains unfunded.

The Office has a 10.6% vacancy rate

As of March 10, 2026, 7 full-time civilian positions were reported as vacant, representing a 10.6% civilian vacancy rate

The Office reports an attrition rate of 9%

Positions most affected are the Attorney 3G and 4G positions

VACANCIES



FULL TIME

PART TIME

Net Decrease

Increased +3

Unchanged

Net +3

Agency Challenges/ Staff Comments

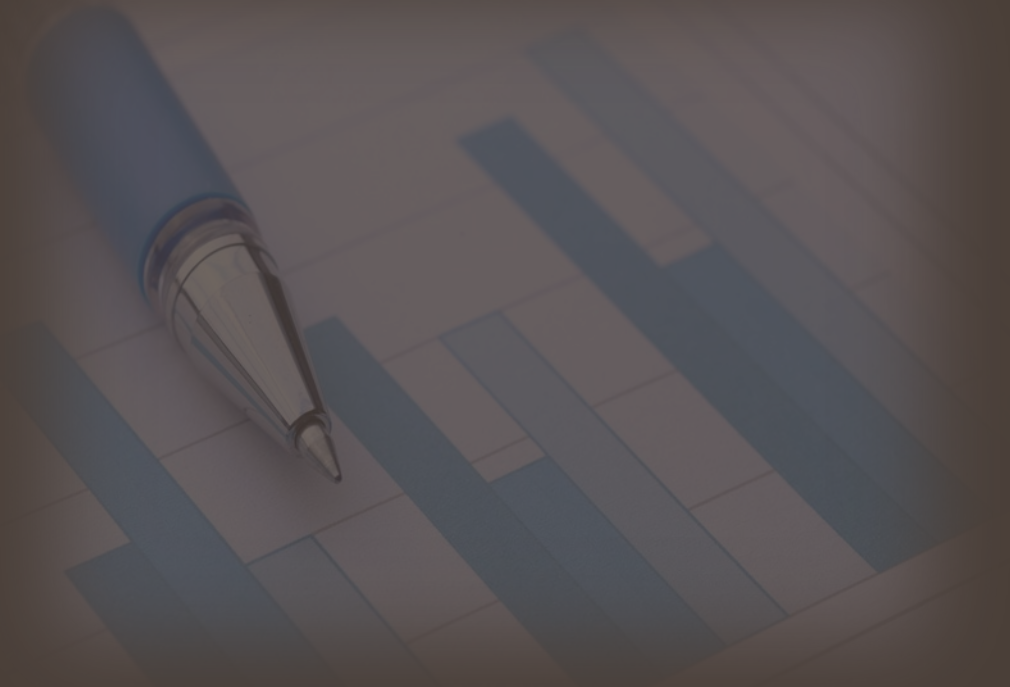
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Staffing: The agency reports vacancy issues in both the Transactions and Litigation Units


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Workloads: The Office's to handle tax sale matters has impacted the Office's response time and productivity

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