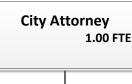
# City Attorney's Office

The mission of the Saint Paul City Attorney's Office is to fulfill its duty to represent the city in its legal affairs with integrity, professionalism, and collegiality.

<u>Integrity</u> means that we are loyal to the interests of the city and the laws under which it functions.

<u>Professionalism</u> means that we are thorough and creative in representing the interests of the city, respectful of the public process in which we function and courteous to all those with whom we interact.

<u>Collegiality</u> means working together, and with the elected and appointed officials to the city, to continuously seek improvements to the quality of legal services and the efficiency with which they are provided.



## General Administrative and Technical Support

- Office management
- Budget Development

1.00 FTE

#### **Civil Division**

- General civil practice representing
- Mayor's Office
- City Council
- City Departments
- HRA
- PHA
- Port Authority
- Civil Enforcement
- Housing Court

20.00 FTE

#### **Litigation Division**

- Managing all civil litigation including federal and state court representation
- Compilation and submission of annual litigation report to Mayor, Council and Department and Office Directors
- Affirmative Litigation

10.50 FTE

#### **Criminal Division**

- Screening and charging of defendants
- Criminal appeals and postconviction matters
- Court and jury trials
- Domestic abuse enforcement
- Community Prosecution Program
- DWI Court
- Mental Health Court
- Joint Special Victims Unit
- Veterans Court

33.75 FTE

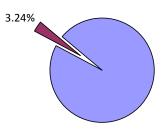
## 2016 Proposed Budget City Attorney's Office

#### **Department Description:**

The Office of the City Attorney strives to deliver outstanding legal services to the City by:

- Providing sound legal advice and superior legal representation to City officials to help them achieve their goals.
- Defending the City in civil litigation matters and aggressively prosecuting civil claims involving the collection of taxpayer monies, public nuisance abatement, and other initiatives that preserve the City's livability and public safety.
- Providing public safety and maintaining the City's livability by effectively prosecuting adult misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes in Saint Paul.

#### CAO's Portion of General Fund Spending



#### **Department Facts**

• Total General Fund Budget: 8,045,134

• Total Special Fund Budget: 1.303.803

• Total FTEs: 66.25

- The CAO handles over 10,000 misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases per year.
- Legal settlements and judgments paid in 2014 total \$1,947,411.
- The CAO's Civil Litigation Division defends approximately 85 cases each year.
- In 2014, 54% of the civil lawsuits concluded during the year were resolved by obtaining favorable judgments or dismissals without any payments by the city.

#### **Department Goals**

- Aligning CAO resources to City and departmental priority outcomes.
- Holding criminal offenders accountable.
- Improving neighborhoods by increasing code compliance and by decreasing nuisance properties.

#### **Recent Accomplishments**

- Served vulnerable victims in designated high lethality domestic cases via the Joint Special Victims Unit (JSVU).
- Provided leadership on issues involving race disparity and enforcement of Domestic Assault No Contact Orders (DANCO).
- Provided mandatory training to all SPPD officers on detecting the abuse and neglect of elders and vulnerable adults.
- In collaboration with Ramsey County, designed and implemented the first Warrant Resolution Day.
- Started the St. Paul Diversion Calendar, a monthly specialty court calendar that hears neighborhood livability cases and offers diversion to qualifying low-risk offenders.
- Partnered with the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office and Metro Transit to provide an innovative restorative justice alternative to fare evasion offenders.
- Prosecuted multiple defendants involved in a large illegal gambling operation.
- Ramsey County Veteran's Court conducted its first graduation.
- Ramsey County DWI Court celebrated its 10 year anniversary in January 2015.
- In May 2015, Ramsey County Mental Health Court was selected to be a National Learning Site (more commonly known as a "mentor court").

#### 2016 Proposed Budget

#### **City Attorney's Office**

#### **Fiscal Summary**

	2014 Adopted	2015 Adopted	2016 Proposed	Change	% Change	2015 Adopted FTE	2016 Proposed FTE
Spending							
100: General Fund	7,472,014	7,668,399	8,045,134	376,735	4.9%	57.25	58.25
710: Central Service Fund	1,084,102	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385	11.5%	7.00	8.00
Total	8,556,116	8,837,817	9,348,937	511,120	5.8%	64.25	66.25
Financing							
100: General Fund	1,602,351	1,530,658	1,552,244	21,586	1.4%		
710: Central Service Fund	1,084,102	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385	11.5%		
Total	2,686,453	2,700,076	2,856,047	155,971	5.8%		

#### **Budget Changes Summary**

Spending changes in the City Attorney's Office's (CAO) 2016 proposed budget are largely due to current service level updates and staffing changes, including the addition of a Victim Witness Advocate in CAO's Criminal Division. Victim-witness advocates are specially trained professionals who can offer victims information on the criminal justice process, assist with safety planning, provide information on resources in the community, and generally provide emotional support throughout the criminal justice process. Having a dedicated Victim Witness Advocate will allow the CAO to better serve an estimated 3,000 victims annually. The 2016 budget will allow CAO to continue crucial activities such as the Joint Prosecution Unit, Community Prosecution Program, and Domestic Violence Blueprint, as well as general criminal, civil, and civil litigation activities.

Fund 100 Budget Changes Total

0: General Fund			City Attor	ney's Office
	_	Change	from 2015 Adopte	d
	_	Spending	Financing	FTE
Current Service Level Adjustments		301,161	21,586	-
	Subtotal:	301,161	21,586	-
Victim Witness Advocate				
The 2016 proposed budget includes resources for the CAO to hire a Victim Witness Advocate. This speci dedicated to providing coordinated victim-witness services and ensuring that victims' rights are fulfilled process. Having a dedicated Victim-Witness help the CAO to honor its commitment to extensive victim expaul Blueprint for Safety.	throughout the crimina	al justice		
Legal Assistant II		75,574	-	1.00
	Subtotal:	75,574	-	1.00

376,735

21,586

1.00

710: Central Service Fund City Attorney's Office

Attorneys and support staff who support outside agencies and certain special fund departments are budgeted here. Agencies and departments are charged for the cost of services received.

	Change	Change from 2015 Adopted			
	Spending	<u>Financing</u>	FTE		
Current Service Level Adjustments					
Current service level adjustments include an Associate Attorney that was hired in 2015 to work with the Public Housing Autho other inflationary costs.	rity (PHA) and				
Current service level adjustments	134,385	134,385	1.00		
Subtotal:	134,385	134,385	1.00		
Fund 710 Budget Changes Total	134,385	134,385	1.00		



# **Spending Reports**

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**Budget Year: 2016** 

155,971

# CITY OF SAINT PAUL

# Department Budget Summary (Spending and Financing)

**Department: CITY ATTORNEY** 

**TOTAL FINANCING BY MAJOR ACCOUNT** 

	2013 Actuals	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2015 Adopted
Spending by Fund					
CITY GENERAL FUND	6,815,848	8,395,775	7,668,399	8,045,134	376,735
CENTRAL SERVICE FUND	1,013,021	1,238,067	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385
TOTAL SPENDING BY FUND	7,828,869	9,633,842	8,837,817	9,348,937	511,119
Spending by Major Account					
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	7,274,509	9,086,017	8,204,491	8,716,799	512,308
SERVICES	424,437	474,504	518,295	504,920	(13,375)
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	104,191	57,270	87,673	78,274	(9,399)
OTHER FINANCING USES	25,733	16,051	27,358	48,944	21,586
TOTAL SPENDING BY MAJOR ACCOUNT	7,828,869	9,633,842	8,837,817	9,348,937	511,119
Financing by Major Account					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	183,941	37,737	47,000	47,000	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	2,499,144	1,399,112	2,615,718	2,725,103	109,385
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		10,250	10,000	10,000	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	42,943	16,051	27,358	73,944	46,586

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# CITY OF SAINT PAUL Spending Plan by Department

Department: CITY ATTORNEY
Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND

**Change From** 2015 2015 2013 2014 2016 Mayor's Adopted **Actuals Actuals Adopted Proposed Spending by Major Account** EMPLOYEE EXPENSE 6,357,333 7,914,587 7,167,663 7,569,347 401,684 **SERVICES** 366,363 438,484 434,619 420,633 (13,986)MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES 92,152 42,703 55,154 66,117 (10,963)

	Total Spending by Major Account	6,815,848	8,395,775	7,668,399	8,045,134	376,735	
Spending by	y Accounting Unit						
10012100	CITY ATTORNEY GENERAL OPS	6,815,848	8,395,775	7,668,399	8,045,134	376,735	
	Total Spending by Accounting Unit	6,815,848	8,395,775	7,668,399	8,045,134	376,735	
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**Budget Year: 2016** 

# CITY OF SAINT PAUL Spending Plan by Department

**Department: CITY ATTORNEY** 

Fund: CENTRAL SERVICE FUND Budget Year: 2016

		2013 Actuals	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2015 Adopted
Spending by	Major Account					
EMPLOYEE B	EXPENSE	917,175	1,171,430	1,036,828	1,147,452	110,624
SERVICES		58,074	36,020	83,676	84,287	611
MATERIALS A	AND SUPPLIES	12,039	14,567	21,556	23,120	1,564
OTHER FINA	NCING USES	25,733	16,051	27,358	48,944	21,586
	Total Spending by Major Account	1,013,021	1,238,067	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385
Spending by	Accounting Unit					
71012200	CITY ATTY OUTSIDE SERVICES	1,013,021	1,238,067	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385
	Total Spending by Accounting Unit	1,013,021	1,238,067	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385

# **Financing Reports**

### CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department

Company: CITY OF SAINT PAUL Department: CITY ATTORNEY

Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND Budget Year: 2016

					Change From
Account Description	2013 Actuals	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Mayor's Proposed	2015 Adopted
43401-0 STATE GRANTS	134,360				
43632-0 PRECOURT DIVERSION	49,581	37,737	47,000	47,000	
TOTAL FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	183,941	37,737	47,000	47,000	
44105-0 CONTINUANCE FOR DISMISSAL	1,422,795	462,748	1,400,000	1,400,000	
44110-0 SUBSTANTIAL ABATEMENT LEGAL		25,000	25,000		(25,000)
44215-0 COPIES	1,082	897	1,300	1,300	
44590-0 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	32,536	6,550			
45510-0 REIMBURSEMENT INVESTIGATION	674	20,000	20,000	20,000	
TOTAL FOR CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,457,087	515,195	1,446,300	1,421,300	(25,000)
55515-0 COUNTY SHARE OF COST		10,000	10,000	10,000	
55520-0 OTHER AGENCY SHARE OF COST		250			
TOTAL FOR MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		10,250	10,000	10,000	
56235-0 TRANSFER FR CAPITAL PROJ FUND	17,210			25,000	25,000
56245-0 TRANSFER FR INTERNAL SERVICE F	25,733	16,051	27,358	48,944	21,586
TOTAL FOR OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	42,943	16,051	27,358	73,944	46,586
TOTAL FOR CITY GENERAL FUND	1,683,971	579,233	1,530,658	1,552,244	21,586

### CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing by Company and Department

Company: CITY OF SAINT PAUL Department: CITY ATTORNEY

Fund: CENTRAL SERVICE FUND Budget Year: 2016

					Change From
Account Account Description	2013 Actuals	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Mayor's Proposed	2015 Adopted
44590-0 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	235,684	42,307	256,186		(256,186)
51235-0 SERVICES TO PUBLIC HOUSING	404,532	328,859	449,646	574,729	125,083
51240-0 SERVICES TO HRA	311,241	405,240	326,748	354,567	27,819
51245-0 LEGAL SERVICES	90,601	107,511	136,838	374,507	237,669
TOTAL FOR CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,042,057	883,917	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385
TOTAL FOR CENTRAL SERVICE FUND	1,042,057	883,917	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385
TOTAL FOR CITY ATTORNEY	2,726,028	1,463,150	2,700,076	2,856,047	155,971

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# CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department

**Department: CITY ATTORNEY** 

Fund: CITY GENERAL FUND Budget Year: 2016

		2013 Actuals	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2015 Adopted
Financing by	y Major Account					
INTERGOVE	RNMENTAL REVENUE	183,941	37,737	47,000	47.000	
CHARGES F	OR SERVICES	1,457,087	515,195	1,446,300	1,421,300	(25,000)
MISCELLAN	EOUS REVENUE		10,250	10,000	10,000	
OTHER FINA	ANCING SOURCES	42,943	16,051	27,358	73,944	46,586
	Total Financing by Major Account	1,683,971	579,233	1,530,658	1,552,244	21,586
Financing by	y Accounting Unit					
10012100	CITY ATTORNEY GENERAL OPS	1,683,971	579,233	1,530,658	1,552,244	21,586
	Total Financing by Accounting Unit	1,683,971	579,233	1,530,658	1,552,244	21,586

## CITY OF SAINT PAUL Financing Plan by Department

**Department: CITY ATTORNEY** 

Fund: CENTRAL SERVICE FUND Budget Year: 2016

		2013 Actuals	2014 Actuals	2015 Adopted	2016 Mayor's Proposed	Change From 2015 Adopted
Financing by	/ Major Account					
CHARGES F	OR SERVICES	1,042,057	883,917	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385
	Total Financing by Major Account	1,042,057	883,917	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385
Financing by	/ Accounting Unit					
71012200	CITY ATTY OUTSIDE SERVICES	1,042,057	883,917	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385
	Total Financing by Accounting Unit	1,042,057	883,917	1,169,418	1,303,803	134,385