

Law, Department of

Mission

The Department of Law is responsible for protecting the legal rights of New York State and its citizens by representing the State in litigation and in other legal affairs.

In implementing its constitutional responsibilities, the Department performs a wide range of functions including prosecuting or defending actions and proceedings for or against the State and its departments; prosecuting certain criminal violations of the Labor, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment Insurance laws; investigating and prosecuting other criminal cases at the request of the Governor or the commissioners of State departments; investigating the activities of organized crime; bringing civil and/or criminal actions against polluters, violators of antitrust laws, and those who defraud consumers or investors; mediating consumer complaints; and investigating and prosecuting cases of Medicaid fraud.

Organization and Staffing

The legal functions and administrative functions of the Department of Law are divided into eight major divisions: Administration, Appeals and Opinions, Counsel for the State, Criminal Justice, Economic Justice, Investigations, Social Justice, and Regional Offices. Each division consists of smaller bureaus or specialized units dealing with specific issues.

The Department's main offices are located in Albany and New York City, with regional offices in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, Utica, Watertown, Plattsburgh, Poughkeepsie, White Plains, Harlem, Brooklyn, Mineola, and Hauppauge.

Budget Highlights

The Executive Budget recommends \$263.8 million All Funds (\$107.5 million General Fund; \$43.6 million Special Revenue Fund - Federal; \$91.2 Special Revenue Fund – Other; \$20.5 million Internal Service Fund) for the Department of Law, an increase of \$2.2 million (1%) and a workforce of 1,839 FTEs, unchanged from FY 2018.

Program Highlights

The **Administration Division** provides budget, finance, personnel, operations, and technology services for the agency.

The **Division of Appeals and Opinions** handles appellate litigation in both State and Federal courts. The Division also prepares opinions, both formal and informal, interpreting State laws for State agencies and municipalities.

The **Criminal Justice Division** investigates and prosecutes criminal cases, including those involving Medicaid fraud, auto insurance fraud, white collar and organized crime cases involving multi-county, multi-state and even multi-national criminal activities occurring within New York State.

The **Investigations Division** provides investigative support for legal divisions throughout the Department, and works cooperatively with State, local and Federal law enforcement agencies on cases that cross jurisdictional lines.

The **Division of State Counsel** provides State agencies, the Governor, other State officials, and the Legislature with counsel and representation in legal proceedings. It recoups non-tax revenue on behalf of State taxpayers and provides legal assistance to State agencies in connection with the acquisition and disposition of public land.

The **Division of Economic Justice** defends and protects the public interest in the courts. It enforces laws to prevent restraint of trade, protects consumers from fraudulent and/or deceptive business practices, regulates the sale of securities, and addresses people's concerns about criminal online activities.

The **Division of Social Justice** also defends and protects the public interest in the courts. It ensures compliance with the State's health care and environmental laws, enforces State Labor and Workers' Compensation Laws, protects charitable donors and beneficiaries, and enforces laws prohibiting discrimination.

The **Regional Offices Division** provides satellite offices across the State to ensure that all New York agencies have cost-effective representation in all local, State and Federal courts, and that citizens have full access to the programs and services of the Department.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2018	Appropriations Recommended FY 2019	Change From FY 2018	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2019
State Operations	256,685,000	262,872,000	6,187,000	23,451,000
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	39,160,000
Capital Projects	5,000,000	1,000,000	(4,000,000)	13,181,000
Total	261,685,000	263,872,000	2,187,000	75,792,000

**ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2018 Estimated FTEs 03/31/18	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	185	185	0
Appeals and Opinions			
General Fund	87	87	0
Counsel for the State			
General Fund	336	336	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	114	114	0
Criminal Investigations			
General Fund	151	151	0
Economic Justice			
General Fund	1	1	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	170	170	0
Social Justice			
General Fund	74	74	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	99	99	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	7	7	0
Criminal Justice			
General Fund	93	93	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	52	52	0
Medicaid Fraud Control			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	249	249	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	83	83	0
Regional Offices			
General Fund	138	138	0
Total	1,839	1,839	0

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	105,435,000	107,538,000	2,103,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	42,189,000	43,644,000	1,455,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	88,531,000	91,160,000	2,629,000
Internal Service Funds	20,530,000	20,530,000	0
Total	256,685,000	262,872,000	6,187,000

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Administration			
General Fund	15,666,000	16,076,000	410,000
Appeals and Opinions			
General Fund	8,865,000	9,130,000	265,000
Counsel for the State			
General Fund	34,052,000	33,297,000	(755,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	27,363,000	29,544,000	2,181,000
Internal Service Funds	20,530,000	20,530,000	0
Criminal Investigations			
General Fund	13,027,000	13,417,000	390,000
Economic Justice			
General Fund	103,000	82,000	(21,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	28,048,000	28,736,000	688,000
Social Justice			
General Fund	7,805,000	7,980,000	175,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	17,521,000	17,613,000	92,000
Criminal Justice			
General Fund	9,930,000	11,095,000	1,165,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,236,000	1,436,000	(800,000)
Medicaid Fraud Control			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	42,189,000	43,644,000	1,455,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,363,000	13,831,000	468,000
Regional Offices			
General Fund	15,987,000	16,461,000	474,000
Total	256,685,000	262,872,000	6,187,000

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	14,931,000	1,798,000	14,735,000	1,888,000
Appeals and Opinions	8,108,000	211,000	8,104,000	207,000
Counsel for the State	31,105,000	1,604,000	31,087,000	1,668,000
Criminal Investigations	13,212,000	1,193,000	12,770,000	1,121,000
Economic Justice	82,000	(21,000)	82,000	(21,000)
Social Justice	5,276,000	(2,024,000)	5,250,000	(2,028,000)
Criminal Justice	9,929,000	479,000	9,908,000	475,000
Regional Offices	13,345,000	649,000	13,234,000	633,000
Total	95,988,000	3,889,000	95,170,000	3,943,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	160,000	(90,000)	36,000	0
Appeals and Opinions	3,000	3,000	1,000	1,000
Counsel for the State	16,000	(64,000)	2,000	0
Criminal Investigations	0	0	442,000	72,000
Social Justice	0	0	26,000	4,000
Criminal Justice	0	0	21,000	4,000
Regional Offices	109,000	102,000	2,000	(86,000)
Total	288,000	(49,000)	530,000	(5,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,145,000	(1,388,000)	760,000	(240,000)
Appeals and Opinions	1,022,000	54,000	382,000	52,000
Counsel for the State	2,192,000	(2,359,000)	1,000	1,000
Criminal Investigations	205,000	(803,000)	11,000	11,000
Social Justice	2,704,000	2,199,000	35,000	(2,000)
Criminal Justice	1,166,000	686,000	5,000	0
Regional Offices	3,116,000	(175,000)	2,000	0
Total	11,550,000	(1,786,000)	1,196,000	(178,000)

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Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	105,000	0	280,000	(998,000)
Appeals and Opinions	20,000	10,000	620,000	(8,000)
Counsel for the State	0	(127,000)	2,191,000	(2,233,000)
Criminal Investigations	94,000	0	100,000	(194,000)
Social Justice	0	0	2,669,000	2,201,000
Criminal Justice	60,000	(20,000)	1,101,000	706,000
Regional Offices	100,000	(44,000)	3,014,000	(131,000)
Total	379,000	(181,000)	9,975,000	(657,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	0	(150,000)
Criminal Investigations	0	(620,000)
Total	0	(770,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Counsel for the State	50,074,000	2,181,000	6,864,000	1,570,000
Economic Justice	28,736,000	688,000	12,227,000	(543,000)
Social Justice	17,613,000	92,000	7,848,000	502,000
Criminal Justice	1,436,000	(800,000)	0	0
Medicaid Fraud Control	57,475,000	1,923,000	27,008,000	748,000
Total	155,334,000	4,084,000	53,947,000	2,277,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Counsel for the State	43,210,000	611,000
Economic Justice	16,509,000	1,231,000
Social Justice	9,765,000	(410,000)
Criminal Justice	1,436,000	(800,000)
Medicaid Fraud Control	30,467,000	1,175,000
Total	101,387,000	1,807,000

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CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
 (dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change	Reappropriations FY 2019
IT Initiative Program				
Capital Projects Fund	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	5,000,000	0	(5,000,000)	13,181,000
Total	5,000,000	1,000,000	(4,000,000)	13,181,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2018