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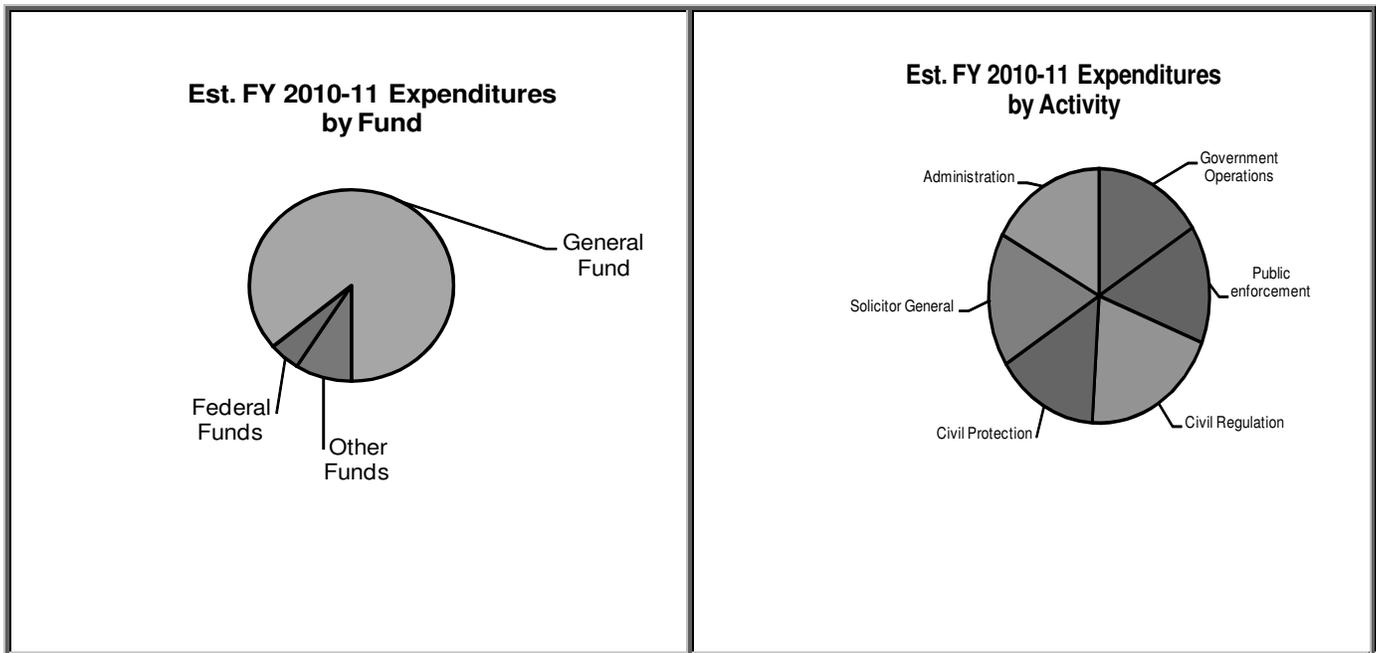
Agency Purpose

The attorney general is the chief legal officer for the state of Minnesota. The duties of the office arise from the constitution, state statutes, and common law. Every board, commission, and agency of the state of Minnesota receives legal representation from the attorney general. The attorney general also acts in a *parens patriae* capacity on behalf of the people of the state. Minnesota’s attorney general is elected by the state’s voters and serves a four-year term.

Core Functions

The attorney general:

- provides legal representation to state agencies;
- appears in all courts and administrative hearings for state government and its agencies;
- assists county prosecutors in criminal trials and appeals;
- initiates legal actions to enforce Minnesota laws;
- defends the Constitution and state laws and defends the State in litigation.



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement.

Source: Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS)

Operations

The Attorney General’s Office (AGO) is divided into five sections, each headed by a deputy attorney general, and a legal operations support unit. Sections are divided into divisions specializing in various legal areas.

The AGO has direct and ongoing interaction with state agencies and officials, the legislature and staff, government agencies, and individual citizens and businesses. Much of the work of the office involves appearances before the courts and in administrative proceedings. The attorney general’s work is categorized as follows:

Attorney General Representation

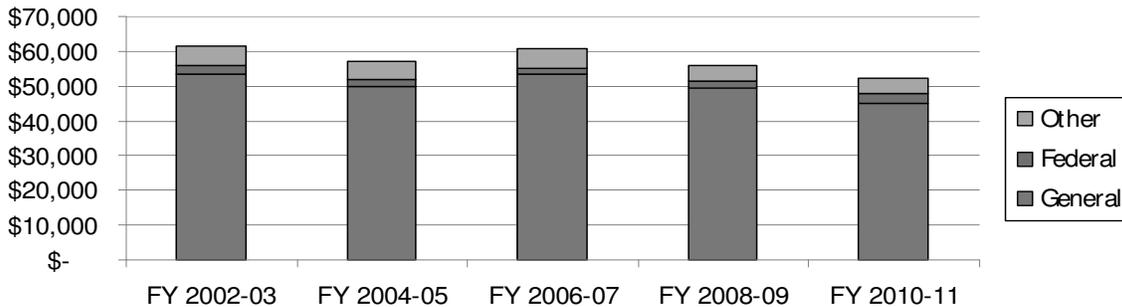
- Represents state agencies in courts and administrative hearings.
- Defends the state against claims, including using alternative dispute resolution methods to save on legal costs.
- Protects taxpayers’ dollars.
- Provides legal advice and representation on matters that have an impact on issues as diverse as transportation, delivery of social services, state resources, public safety, and other matters.

- Provides opinions on legal issues to local governments and school districts.
- Enforces state laws.
- Assists county attorneys in prosecuting serious crimes, in criminal appeals, as well as the civil commitment of sexual predators.
- Provides legal representation to state agencies in the application and enforcement of state laws in federal, state, and administrative courts.
- Assists client agencies to recover fines, penalties, and restitution.
- Provides client defense in suits brought against state agencies.

Budget Trends

Of the total agency request for the FY 2012-13 biennium, 63.2% comes from the general fund; 26.2% is received from partner agreements with certain state agencies; 6.5% is received from other appropriations (health-related boards--fund 171, environmental--fund 330, and remediation--fund 331); and 4.1% is received from federal and special revenue funds.

Total Expenditures by Fund



Source data for the previous chart is the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS).

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium 2012-13
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	22,722	22,204	22,204	22,204	44,408
Recommended	22,722	22,204	21,094	21,094	42,188
Change		0	(1,110)	(1,110)	(2,220)
% Biennial Change from 2010-11					-6.1%
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	1,827	1,827	1,827	1,827	3,654
Recommended	1,827	1,827	0	0	0
Change		0	(1,827)	(1,827)	(3,654)
% Biennial Change from 2010-11					-100%
Environmental					
Current Appropriation	145	145	145	145	290
Recommended	145	145	145	145	290
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2010-11					0%
Remediation Fund					
Current Appropriation	250	250	250	250	500
Recommended	250	250	250	250	500
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2010-11					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	21,436	25,775	22,204	22,204	44,408
State Government Spec Revenue	1,891	2,463	1,884	1,884	3,768
Environmental	0	145	145	145	290
Remediation Fund	134	250	250	250	500
Statutory Appropriations					
General	6,535	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	166	8,676	6,391	6,391	12,782
Federal	1,068	1,291	1,287	1,287	2,574
Miscellaneous Agency	489	157	0	0	0
Total	31,719	38,757	32,161	32,161	64,322
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	27,103	32,684	29,166	29,166	58,332
Other Operating Expenses	4,616	6,073	5,916	5,916	11,832
Transfers	0	0	(2,921)	(2,921)	(5,842)
Total	31,719	38,757	32,161	32,161	64,322
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Attorney General	31,719	38,757	32,161	32,161	64,322
Total	31,719	38,757	32,161	32,161	64,322
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	311.7	311.3	311.3	311.3	

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>				
	FY2011	Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
		FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
Fund: GENERAL				
FY 2011 Appropriations	22,204	22,204	22,204	44,408
Subtotal - Forecast Base	22,204	22,204	22,204	44,408
Change Items				
Operating Budget Reduction	0	(1,110)	(1,110)	(2,220)
Total Governor's Recommendations	22,204	21,094	21,094	42,188
Fund: STATE GOVERNMENT SPEC REVENUE				
FY 2011 Appropriations	1,827	1,827	1,827	3,654
Technical Adjustments				
End-of-session Estimate		57	57	114
Subtotal - Forecast Base	1,827	1,884	1,884	3,768
Change Items				
Convert Health Brds to Dedicated Funding	0	(1,884)	(1,884)	(3,768)
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,827	0	0	0
Fund: ENVIRONMENTAL				
FY 2011 Appropriations	145	145	145	290
Subtotal - Forecast Base	145	145	145	290
Total Governor's Recommendations	145	145	145	290
Fund: REMEDIATION FUND				
FY 2011 Appropriations	250	250	250	500
Subtotal - Forecast Base	250	250	250	500
Total Governor's Recommendations	250	250	250	500
Fund: MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE				
Planned Statutory Spending	8,676	6,391	6,391	12,782
Change Items				
Convert Health Brds to Dedicated Funding	0	1,884	1,884	3,768
Total Governor's Recommendations	8,676	8,275	8,275	16,550
Fund: FEDERAL				
Planned Statutory Spending	1,291	1,287	1,287	2,574
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,291	1,287	1,287	2,574
Fund: MISCELLANEOUS AGENCY				
Planned Statutory Spending	157	0	0	0
Total Governor's Recommendations	157	0	0	0
<u>Revenue Change Items</u>				
Fund: MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE				
Change Items				
Convert Health Brds to Dedicated Funding	0	1,884	1,884	3,768

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Change Item: Operating Budget Reduction

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Fund				
Expenditures	\$(1,110)	\$(1,110)	\$(1,110)	\$(1,110)
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact	\$(1,110)	\$(1,110)	\$(1,110)	\$(1,110)

Recommendation

The Governor recommends general fund operating budget reductions of \$1.11 million in FY 2012 and \$1.11 million in FY 2013 for the Attorney General's Office. The reductions are necessary to balance the budget in the general fund.

The proposal represents a 5% base level reduction to the Attorney General's General Fund budget.

Rationale

The Governor respects the separation of powers and the desire of constitutional officers and officials in the judicial and legislative branches to present their budget requests independently to the legislature without specific recommendations from the Governor. However, since the Governor is required by law to submit a balanced budget to the legislature, it is necessary to identify funding for those offices as part of preparing a complete balanced budget.

While the Governor recommends a total amount for the reduction, he respects the Attorney General's authority to decide whether to adopt the reduction and to determine how to distribute it among the office's divisions. For purposes of budget presentation, the reduction was distributed between compensation and other operating expenditures.

Statutory Change: Not Applicable.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Change Item: Convert Health Brds to Dedicated Funding

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Health Related Boards Fund (171)				
Expenditures	\$(1,884)	\$(1,884)	\$(1,884)	\$(1,884)
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Special Revenue Fund (211)				
Expenditures	1,884	1,884	1,884	1,884
Revenues	1,884	1,884	1,884	1,884
Net Fiscal Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Recommendation

The Governor recommends changing the way appropriations are made to the health related licensing boards that operate in the state government special revenue fund. Under this proposal, the boards' funding would be converted from direct appropriations to dedicated appropriations, giving each board spending authority equal to its fee revenue and any accumulated balance. This proposal would reduce the Attorney General's direct appropriation from the health related boards account in the state government special revenue fund. The Attorney General, under this proposal, would receive funding for the office's work related to the health boards through partnership agreements with the boards.

Rationale

This proposal places ownership in the boards' 183 appointed members to be efficient and cost effective in setting their spending levels, while providing continued legislative oversight in the setting of the boards' fees. It encourages the boards to find efficiencies and ensures the fees paid by each occupation are dedicated to the boards' mission to protect the public and ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality care by qualified licensed health professionals. The establishment of the dedicated appropriation will improve the boards' management of resources and transparency for licensees.

The health related licensing boards are fee-supported organizations that receive no general fund dollars. The boards currently collect and deposit fees as non-dedicated special revenue into the health related boards account in the state government special revenue fund (171). The legislature then provides a direct appropriation from these revenues to each board for their operating expenses. Unlike agencies that receive direct appropriations from the general fund, the boards must ensure that licensing fees are collected to recover each board's direct and indirect expenditures to maintain the solvency of the state government special revenue fund. For this reason, the health boards already operate much like agencies with dedicated appropriations—except that they must seek appropriation authority to gain access to their existing fee revenue.

This proposal has no net fiscal impact on the Attorney General because the reduction in the appropriation from the state government special revenue fund will be replaced by funding from partnership agreements with the boards.

Statutory Change: Minnesota Statutes Chapter 148

Program Description

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) is organized under one program consisting of five sections and a legal operations division as listed under the following budget activities.

Budget Activities

This program includes the following budget activities:

- Agency Services
- Legal Services
- Government Services
- Civil Law
- Solicitor General
- Legal Operations

Program at a Glance

Provide expert legal advice and representation to state agencies

Program Description

Provide a wide range of cost-effective, efficient legal services to state agencies.

Population Served

- Citizens of Minnesota
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Department of Human Rights
- Department of Human Services
- Minnesota Management & Budget
- Department of Administration
- Minnesota state boards
- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Labor and Industry
- Department of Employment and Economic Development
- State Board of Investment
- Housing Finance Agency
- Minnesota counties and cities
- Teachers Retirement Association
- Minnesota State Retirement System
- All constitutional officers
- Public Utilities Commission
- Department of Military Affairs

Services Provided

- Provides client advice and legal representation to state agencies in the application and enforcement of state laws in federal, state, and administrative courts.
- Assists client agencies and the state to recover fines, penalties, and restitution.
- Provides client defense in suits brought against state agencies.
- Negotiates settlements in lawsuits brought against state agencies when warranted.
- Files lawsuits to represent and defend the public interest.

Historical Perspective

- Advised MnDOT regarding numerous legal issues.
- Facilitated bond issuance for state agencies.
- Saved the taxpayers millions of dollars by its defense and resolution of tort and employment law claims.
- Represented MnSCU's 34 colleges and universities in litigation, discrimination/harassment issues, data practices, and technology issues.
- Successfully defended state laws against constitutional attacks.
- Represents the commissioner of Public Safety in over 4,600 implied consent cases (drunk driver license revocations) annually.
- Assists counties in defending in criminal prosecutions.

Key Program Goals & Measures

- Citizens of state are well served.
- Effective and efficient legal advice is provided to state agencies.
- State agencies receive expert representation in litigated matters.
- Public interest is advanced in civil litigation and criminal cases.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL

Program Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
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Environmental					
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Total	145	145	145	145	290
Remediation Fund					
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Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL

Program Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Expenditures by Activity</u>					
Agency Services	5,456	5,964	5,249	5,249	10,498
Legal Services	6,290	10,594	9,301	9,301	18,602
Government Services	5,972	7,232	6,514	6,514	13,028
Civil Law	4,569	4,914	1,915	1,915	3,830
Solicitor General	3,889	3,707	2,836	2,836	5,672
Legal Operations	5,543	6,346	6,346	6,346	12,692
Total	31,719	38,757	32,161	32,161	64,322
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	311.7	311.3	311.3	311.3	

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Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL

Activity: AGENCY SERVICES

Narrative

Activity at a Glance

Saved the state millions of dollars by its defense and resolution of eminent domain and tax actions and appeals.

Activity Description

Provide a wide range of cost-effective, efficient legal services to state agencies.

Population Served

- Citizens of the state
- Department of Administration
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Education
- Department of Employment and Economic Development
- Housing Finance Agency
- Iron Range Resources
- Department of Labor and Industry
- Department of Health
- Minnesota Management & Budget
- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)
- Minnesota Office of Higher Education
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Department of Revenue
- Secretary of State
- State Auditor
- Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
- Minnesota counties, cities and school boards
- State Board of Investment
- State boards

Services Provided

- Provides expert legal advice and representation to state agencies.
- Defends state agencies against litigation brought by various parties.
- Negotiates settlements in lawsuits brought against state agencies when warranted.
- Represents state agencies and boards in disciplinary and enforcement proceedings.
- Handles tax litigation for the Department of Revenue.
- Provides representation to the MnDOT in eminent domain and construction litigation.

Historical Perspective

- Obtained millions of dollars of tax revenue for the Department of Revenue.
- Saved the state millions of dollars defending the Department of Revenue in tax refund claims.
- Represented MnDOT in its statutory enforcement responsibilities and in eminent domain actions and appeals.
- Facilitated over \$2.7 billion in bond issuance for state agencies in FY 2010.
- Represented MnSCU's colleges and universities in litigation, discrimination/harassment issues, data practices transactional and real estate matters.
- Represented the Secretary of State in various election matters.
- Provided legal advice and representation to the Department of Education on special education and charter school matters.
- During FY 2010, the Attorney General's Office (AGO) provided legal advice including drafting, review of and approval of numerous real estate transactions.

Key Activity Goals & Measures

- Citizens of state are well served.
- Effective and efficient legal advice is provided to state agencies.
- State agencies receive expert representation in litigated matters.
- Interests of state agencies are advanced.
- Litigation brought against state agencies is defended successfully.
- Constitutional challenges are defended successfully.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL
 Activity: AGENCY SERVICES

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	2,299	3,879	3,164	3,164	6,328
Statutory Appropriations					
General	3,157	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	0	2,085	2,085	2,085	4,170
Total	5,456	5,964	5,249	5,249	10,498
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	5,321	5,757	5,042	5,042	10,084
Other Operating Expenses	135	207	207	207	414
Total	5,456	5,964	5,249	5,249	10,498
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	51.7	47.2	47.2	47.2	

Activity at a Glance

- Represents state licensing boards.
- Represents Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ("MPCA").
- Enforces Minnesota law.
- During FY 2010, the AGO participated in utility cases that resulted in saving Minnesota small businesses and consumers over \$30 million per year in rate increases and a one-time saving of \$25 million.

Activity Description

Provides legal representation to state licensing boards and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Represents and further the interests of small businesses and residential utility customers in matters before the Public Utilities Commission and in courts. Enforces Minnesota laws.

Population Served

- Board of Medical Practice
- Health-related licensing boards
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ("MPCA")
- State pension funds
- Citizens of the state of Minnesota
- Minnesota businesses and the marketplace

Services Provided

- Provide legal representation to various state licensing boards, including Board of Medical Practice, Board of Nursing, Pharmacy Board, Chiropractic Board.
- Provides legal advice to and represents the MPCA in a variety of legal actions.
- Represents the interests of small businesses and residential customers in proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission and the courts.
- Initiates legal action to enforce state laws.
- Represents state pension funds.

Historical Perspective

- Provided legal representation to various health boards.
- Provided legal representation to MPCA.
- Provided legal representation to state pension funds.
- Represented the interest of small businesses and the citizens of Minnesota in issues before the Public Utilities Commission.
- Advanced litigation to enforce laws of the state of Minnesota.

Key Activity Goals & Measures

- Various state boards are represented and provided excellent legal service.
- State resources are protected.
- Citizens of the state are well served.
- Public interest is advanced in litigation.
- The rights of small businesses and residential customers are protected in the purchase of and payment for services from utility companies.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL
 Activity: LEGAL SERVICES

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	4,420	6,068	5,354	5,354	10,708
State Government Spec Revenue	1,870	2,442	1,863	1,863	3,726
Statutory Appropriations					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	0	2,084	2,084	2,084	4,168
Total	6,290	10,594	9,301	9,301	18,602
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	5,817	10,054	9,397	9,397	18,794
Other Operating Expenses	473	540	540	540	1,080
Transfers	0	0	(636)	(636)	(1,272)
Total	6,290	10,594	9,301	9,301	18,602
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	82.6	93.9	93.9	93.9	

Activity at a Glance

- Handled over 4,600 implied consent cases (drunk driver license revocations) annually.
- Assisted county attorneys in prosecuting serious crime.
- Prosecuted Medicaid fraud and financial exploitation of vulnerable adult cases.

Activity Description

Represents the Department of Public Safety. Investigates and prosecutes cases involving Medicaid fraud, financial exploitation of vulnerable adults, and patient abuse or neglect. Assist county attorneys in prosecuting serious crime statewide, defending felony convictions upon appeal, and obtaining civil commitment of sex offenders.

Population Served

- Citizens of the state of Minnesota
- Department of Public Safety
- Gambling Control Board
- Minnesota counties
- Law Enforcement
- Minnesota Medical Assistance program

Services Provided

- Assists counties in civil commitment of sex offenders under psychopathic personality and sexually dangerous person statutes.
- Assists county attorneys in prosecuting serious crimes.
- Represents the commissioner of Public Safety in implied consent cases.
- Handles appeals of convictions for drunk driving.
- Assists counties in defending felony convictions upon appeal.
- Provides legal advice and representation to the Department of Public Safety.
- Provides legal advice and representation to the Gambling Control Board.
- Recovers funds for the Minnesota Medical Assistance program because of illegal activities.

Historical Perspective

- Represented the Department of Public Safety.
- Defended the state against challenges to DWI statutes.
- Represented the commissioner of Public Safety in over 4,600 district court implied consent proceedings that challenged revocations of driving privileges.
- Assisted county attorneys in criminal appeals.
- Prosecuted violent and serious crime.
- Provided assistance to county attorneys in the commitment of sexually dangerous person/sexual psychopathic personality commitment cases.
- Recovered over \$10 million for the Minnesota Medical Assistance program in settlements and restitution as a result of fraud.

Key Activity Goals & Measures

- Citizens of state are well served.
- Citizens are protected from illegal activities.
- Implied consent cases are prosecuted vigorously.
- Challenges to DWI laws are defended effectively.
- Prosecutions are successful.
- Prior criminal convictions are upheld.
- The Department of Public Safety receives effective and efficient legal representation.
- Funds are recovered for taxpayers on behalf of Minnesota Medical Assistance program.

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Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL
 Activity: GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	4,464	3,836	3,122	3,122	6,244
State Government Spec Revenue	21	21	21	21	42
Statutory Appropriations					
General	392	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	27	2,084	2,084	2,084	4,168
Federal	1,068	1,291	1,287	1,287	2,574
Total	5,972	7,232	6,514	6,514	13,028
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	5,563	6,641	5,923	5,923	11,846
Other Operating Expenses	409	591	591	591	1,182
Total	5,972	7,232	6,514	6,514	13,028
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	63.6	77.2	77.2	77.2	

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Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL

Activity: CIVIL LAW

Narrative

Activity at a Glance

- Handled health care legal matters for state health care programs covering over 700,000 Minnesotans.
- Oversight of more than 20,000 charities and non-profit organizations.

Activity Description

Provide a wide range of legal services to state agency programs and citizens of Minnesota.

Population Served

- Citizens of the state
- Department of Human Services

Services Provided

- Provides client advice and legal representation to state agency programs in the application and enforcement of state laws in federal, state and administrative courts.
- Assists client agency programs to recover fines, penalties and restitution.
- Provides client defense in suits brought against the state.
- Register charities and non-profit organizations.
- Enforce state laws.

Historical Perspective

- Represented the Department of Human Services on issues involving public assistance, child support, licensing, healthcare, child welfare, mental health, aging and adult services, disability services, and deaf and hard-of-hearing services.
- Assisted in a variety of legal matters concerning the Minnesota Health Care Programs, which cover approximately 700,000 Minnesotans.
- Assisted DHS in recovering millions of dollars in Medical Assistance and alternative care services through liens, tort claims and lawsuits against third parties and from special needs trusts.
- Provided public repository for state charities information.
- Has oversight of charities and non-profit organizations that are registered in the state.
- Defended federal court claim against a DHS program which reduced Medical Assistance payments to pharmacies, saving millions of dollars.
- Brought enforcement cases on behalf of the citizens
- Handled scores of DHS licensing cases involving maltreatment and disqualification decisions.

Key Activity Goals & Measures

- Effective and efficient legal advice is provided to state agency programs.
- State agency receives expert representation in litigated matters.
- Litigation brought against state agency is defended successfully.
- Constitutional challenges are defended successfully.
- Regulate and register charities and non-profit organizations and enforce Minnesota laws.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL
 Activity: CIVIL LAW

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	2,721	2,379	1,665	1,665	3,330
Remediation Fund	134	250	250	250	500
Statutory Appropriations					
General	1,714	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	0	2,285	0	0	0
Total	4,569	4,914	1,915	1,915	3,830
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	4,497	4,644	3,930	3,930	7,860
Other Operating Expenses	72	270	270	270	540
Transfers	0	0	(2,285)	(2,285)	(4,570)
Total	4,569	4,914	1,915	1,915	3,830
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	46.8	39.5	39.5	39.5	

Activity at a Glance

Saved the state millions of dollars by its defense and resolution of tort and employment law claims; provided legal advice and appellate representation to the Public Utilities Commission; successfully defended many constitutional challenges to Minnesota laws.

Activity Description

Provide a wide range of legal services to the state and state agencies.

Population Served

- Citizens of the state of Minnesota
- All state agencies
- Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- Constitutional officers
- Judiciary and legislature

Services Provided

- Defense of challenges to the constitutionality of Minnesota laws.
- Defense of tort claims against the state and its employees.
- Defense of employment claims against the state and its employees.
- Advise and represent state agencies.
- Advise and represent PUC.

Historical Perspective

- Saved the state millions of dollars by its of defense and resolution of tort and employment law claims.
- Successfully defended state laws against constitutional attacks.

Key Activity Goals & Measures

- Citizens of the state are well served.
- Constitutional challenges are defended successfully.
- Tort and employment law claims brought against the state and its employees are successfully defended or settled thereby minimizing the state's fiscal exposure.
- Effective and efficient legal advice is provided to state agencies to proactively avoid lawsuits.
- State agencies receive expert representation in all litigated matters.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL
Activity: SOLICITOR GENERAL

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	2,131	3,405	2,691	2,691	5,382
Environmental	0	145	145	145	290
Statutory Appropriations					
General	1,269	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Agency	489	157	0	0	0
Total	3,889	3,707	2,836	2,836	5,672
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	3,282	3,088	2,374	2,374	4,748
Other Operating Expenses	607	619	462	462	924
Total	3,889	3,707	2,836	2,836	5,672
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	38.1	26.9	26.9	26.9	

Activity Description

Legal operations provides overall administrative support to the Attorney General's Office (AGO).

Population Served

- Citizens of Minnesota
- Employees of the AGO
- State agencies and other government agencies

Services Provided

- Development and implementation of new administrative policies and procedures.
- Upgrading and maintaining the AGO's systems network.
- Budget development
- Purchasing
- Accounting
- Docketing/timekeeping system that provides billing information to state agencies.
- Human resources services/personnel transactions.
- Legal support

Key Activity Goals & Measures

- AGO systems are up-to-date and operate efficiently.
- Fiscal activities are accurate, complete, and meet state standards.
- Personnel transactions are accurate and timely.
- Administrative support is provided to carry out the delivery of legal services.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL
 Activity: LEGAL OPERATIONS

Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	5,401	6,208	6,208	6,208	12,416
Statutory Appropriations					
General	3	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	139	138	138	138	276
Total	5,543	6,346	6,346	6,346	12,692
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	2,623	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,000
Other Operating Expenses	2,920	3,846	3,846	3,846	7,692
Total	5,543	6,346	6,346	6,346	12,692
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	28.9	26.6	26.6	26.6	

Narrative

The AGO receives federal funds for the following activities:

- The Medicaid Fraud grant allows the AGO to continue investigating and prosecuting fraud in the Medicaid program. This grant has a 25% state match requirement. The AGO anticipates continued funding of this grant.
- The Narcotics grant allows the AGO to continue efforts to target the prosecution of those who facilitate the narcotics trade. It also allows for the continuation in providing the prosecution support needed by law enforcement during the investigative phase of such cases. This grant is received as a sub grant from the Department of Public Safety and currently does not require a state match. Funding is anticipated at least through CY 2010 but future projections remain on a year-to-year basis.

Table

Federal Award Name + Brief Purpose	New grant	Required state match/MOE? Yes/No		SFY 2010 Revenues	SFY 2011 Revenues	Estimated SFY 2012 Revenues	Estimated SFY 2013 Revenues
		Match	MOE				
Medicaid Fraud Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		Yes		968	1,241	1,237	1,237
Narcotics Grant Program from the U.S. Office of Justice Program as a sub grant from the Department of Public Safety		No		50	50	50	50
Total				1,018	1,291	1,287	1,287

ATTORNEY GENERAL**Program: ATTORNEY GENERAL****Activity: CONSOLIDATED LISTING OF APPROPRIATIONS**

(\$ in thousands)

	<u>Agency Request</u>		<u>Senate Budget Division</u>	<u>House Finance Division</u>
	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>		
Submitted as Part of the Attorney General's Budget Request:				
Direct Appropriations:				
General	\$22,204	\$22,204		
State Government Special Revenue	1,884	1,884		
Environmental	145	145		
Remediation Fund	250	250		
Statutory Appropriations:				
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	6,391	6,391		
Federal	<u>1,287</u>	<u>1,287</u>		
Total Agency Request	<u>\$32,161</u>	<u>\$32,161</u>	State Government	State Government
Other Funding: Partner Agreements:				
Direct Appropriations:				
General				
--Department of Human Services	2,285	2,285	Health, Human Services & Corrections	Health & Human Services
State Government Special Revenue				
--State Board of Medical Practice	636	636	Health, Human Services & Corrections	Health & Human Services
Total & Other Partner Agreement Funding	<u>\$2,921</u>	<u>\$2,921</u>		
TOTAL ALL	<u>\$35,082</u>	<u>\$35,082</u>		

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2010	Budgeted FY2011	Governor's Recomm. FY2012 FY2013		Biennium 2012-13
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings (Inter-Agency):					
General	1,558	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,000
Departmental Earnings:					
General	557	550	550	550	1,100
Other Revenues:					
General	3,268	12,086	600	600	1,200
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	5,383	14,136	2,650	2,650	5,300
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Departmental Earnings (Inter-Agency):					
General	6,532	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	0	6,253	6,253	6,253	12,506
Grants:					
Federal	1,068	1,291	1,287	1,287	2,574
Other Revenues:					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	221	133	133	133	266
Miscellaneous Agency	412	370	42	0	42
Other Sources:					
General	5	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	0	5	5	5	10
Miscellaneous Agency	18	11	0	0	0
Total Dedicated Receipts	8,256	8,063	7,720	7,678	15,398
Agency Total Revenue	13,639	22,199	10,370	10,328	20,698