



**LAW**

**Program Goal**

The Law Department provides effective legal services to the Mayor and City Council, city manager, departments and advisory boards; interprets and enforces city, state and federal laws as they pertain to city services and activities; and effectively administers and prosecutes criminal cases filed in Phoenix Municipal Court using the prosecutorial function and discretion in a fair, impartial and efficient manner.

**Budget Allowance Explanation**

The Law Department 2006-07 operating budget allowance of \$21,908,000 is \$1,292,000 or 6.3 percent more than 2005-06 estimated expenditures. The increase is primarily due to the full-year costs of an attorney and court clerk added in May 2006 to staff an additional arraignment courtroom. The increase

also reflects a return to full staffing levels, normal inflationary costs and carry over funds for the case and document management system. These increases are offset by a significant reduction in Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding. Finally, a temporary administrative position was converted to a regular position in the budget.

**Expenditure and Position Summary**

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Operating Expense	\$19,473,000	\$20,616,000	\$21,908,000
Total Positions	242.0	246.0	246.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$18,366,000	\$19,629,000	\$21,390,000
Court Awards	150,000	157,000	166,000
Grants	885,000	682,000	200,000
Other Restricted	72,000	148,000	152,000

**Law Department Major Performance Measures and Service Trends**

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2006-07 budget allowance:

	2004-05	2005-06*	2006-07
Criminal cases sent to diversion	3,314	3,300	3,500
Pre-trial disposition conferences set	65,773	70,000	70,000
New civil cases opened in the fields of condemnation, collection, taxes and civil litigation, excluding liability and other cases assigned to outside counsel	754	787	785
Number of defendants submitted for charging review	38,752	45,000	45,000
Number of civil cases closed, including those assigned to outside counsel and handled through the alternative dispute resolution process	902	905	900
Ordinances and resolutions for City Council adoption drafted and reviewed	1,348	1,088	1,100
Number of jury trials prosecuted	392	350	350

\*Based on 10 months actual experience.

