

Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget Highlights and Goals

State's Attorney

FY2008 Highlights

Civil Division:

- Issued over 762 legal opinions.
- Reviewed more than 196 public contracts.
- Handled 35 involuntary commitment petitions.
- Responded to 62 FOIA requests.
- Opened approximately 921 new ordinance violations on behalf of County Departments.
- The Civil Division had a total of 104 new litigation cases.
- The Civil Division is also charged with the responsibility of preventing the litigation of conflicts to which the County may be a party.

Criminal Division:

- Successful conviction rate with the goal toward protection of the public and rehabilitation of the offender toward a law abiding return to the community.
- 2,219 felony adult offenders charged.
- 5,205 misdemeanor adult offenders charged.
- Juvenile/Criminal Division has charged 452 juvenile offenders under 17 years of age.
- Filed 117 abuse and neglect petitions protecting children from unsafe family conditions.

Victim Witness Coordinators:

- The Victim Witness Coordinators served the needs of victims of crimes in 926 cases.

Investigation Unit:

- Processed and served 201 Grand Jury Summons.
- Processed and served 1,171 Summons and Subpoenas for witnesses, defendants, and police officers.
- 1,372 Subpoenas processed with a success rate of 82%.
- Provided photographic evidence for the State's Attorney's Office, copied audio and visual tapes and/or CD's for distribution to police departments and defense counsel.
- Supplied information in response to 350 telephone requests.
- Handled 75 walk in complaints.
- Arranged over 75 interviews and prepared accompanying reports.
- Conducted 40 investigations.
- Assisted in locating and interviewing numerous witnesses for trial.
- Assisted in an Attempted Murder trial by taking photographs, assisted in the preparation of witnesses, and prepared photographic evidence for court.
- Assisted in the enforcement of the Check Enforcement Program by preparing informational material, meeting with numerous civic groups, including chambers of commerce and service clubs, and worked with police agencies to coordinate the arrest of non-compliant offenders.
- Handled hundreds of telephone calls and personal contact visits with businesses and offenders to manage the program.
- County wide seminars were conducted with the assistance of the Investigative Unit on various topics including the Open Meetings Act.
- Responded to election law violations.
- As of May of 2008, \$10,000.00 has been collected in service and return fees for Subpoena and Summons service.

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- The main focus of the State's Attorney's Office goals in 2009 will be to develop and work to implement a First Offender Program based on availability of funding.
- Increase our ability to help victims of crime as the cases of their offenders work their way through the criminal justice system.
- The State's Attorney's Office will continue to provide capable in-house counsel to the County and decrease the need to pay private firms to represent the County.
- We will continue to be tough on crime and those who break the law while still showing compassion for the mentally ill through expanding the capacity of the Mental Health Court.
- The resources of the State's Attorney's Office are committed to serve the needs of the people of McHenry County.