

**State of Alaska
FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Law
Second Judicial District
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Second Judicial District

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Component Mission

Mission statement appears at the department summary and BRU levels.

Component Services Provided

(A) District Attorney offices prosecute all violations of state criminal law in Alaska, with the exception of specialized prosecutions undertaken by the Office of Special Prosecutions and Appeals. In addition to filing criminal charges and conducting criminal trials, the offices give day-to-day advice to state and local law enforcement agencies conducting criminal investigations, serve as legal advisor to grand juries, and handle sentence appeals and probation revocation actions. Prosecution services protect the public by convicting criminal offenders and placing them under appropriate controls, and by revoking probation if they do not comply with conditions of supervision. Without these services, Alaskans would not be able to live in safe and healthy communities.

(B) The District Attorney offices provide victim-witness assistance services such as travel and per diem expenses, court-mandated witness fees, information on court procedures required by statute and the Alaska Constitution, and assistance with domestic violence orders and violent crimes compensation procedures. The District Attorney offices also prepare victims and witnesses to testify in court.

Two-thirds of all travel costs in the BRU are due to transportation and per diem for witnesses needed for court proceedings. Demands on the victim-witness assistants increased substantially over the last several years as a result of victims' rights laws that passed in 1989 and 1991, as a result of the passage of the Victims' Right Amendment to the Alaska Constitution in 1994 and the Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1996. Victim-witness services are an indispensable element in the daily operation of the criminal justice system.

(C) The services are delivered by four attorneys in three offices in Nome, Kotzebue, and Barrow. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, over 2,500 criminal cases (more than 500 felonies and 2,000 misdemeanors) were referred for prosecution or probation revocation. In Barrow, the one-attorney office receives periodic assistance from Fairbanks.

Component Goals and Strategies

The primary goal of this component is to assure safe and healthy communities by prosecuting and convicting criminal offenders in rural Alaska.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

Key Issues are included at the BRU level.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

Major accomplishments are reflected in the performance measures at the BRU level.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

Second Judicial District
Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	708.0	717.8	736.6
72000 Travel	73.6	70.5	70.5
73000 Contractual	61.9	62.7	62.7
74000 Supplies	16.3	31.4	31.4
75000 Equipment	4.5	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	864.3	882.4	901.2
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	864.3	882.4	901.2
Funding Totals	864.3	882.4	901.2

Second Judicial District
Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

No service changes.

Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	882.4	0.0	0.0	882.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
- \$75 per Month Health Insurance Increase for Non-covered Staff	3.5	0.0	0.0	3.5
- From Criminal Justice Litigation to adjust vacancy by fund source	4.4	0.0	0.0	4.4
- From Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation to adjust vacancy by fund source	10.9	0.0	0.0	10.9
FY2004 Governor	901.2	0.0	0.0	901.2

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Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	8	8	Annual Salaries	594,191
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	165,162
			<i>Less 3.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(22,753)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	8	8	Total Personal Services	736,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Attorney IV	0	0	0	2	2
Attorney V	0	0	0	2	2
Law Office Assistant I	0	0	0	1	1
Law Office Assistant II	0	0	0	2	2
Victim/Witness Paralegal II	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	0	0	0	8	8