



The mission of the City Attorney's Office is to provide the City Council and City officers, boards, commissions, committees, and employees with high quality, effective, and efficient legal counsel as we work together pursuing City goals, protecting City resources and thereby safeguarding the interests of the Corona community.

Our guiding core values are: accountability, ethics, quality, professionalism, effectiveness, efficiency, problem-solving, and tenacity.

We ultimately advocate for and serve the interests of the Corona community, as identified through the City Council's policies and laws and as implemented through its officers, boards, commissions, committees, and employees.

“Advocating for the Corona Community”

Summary of Services

City Attorney's Office

The City Attorney's Office represents and advises the City Council, as well as all other City officers, boards, commissions, committees and employees, in legal matters pertaining to their City offices and employment, to the extent required or allowed by law and as otherwise directed by the City Council. The office also oversees City representation by outside attorneys in some situations.

The City Attorney's Office performs all legal work and represents the City in all actions at law, including acquisition, sale or abandonment of real property, including acceptance of deeds on behalf of the City, providing representation on all claims against the City, and also works to draft or assist in drafting all ordinances, resolutions, motions, agreements and contracts to be made or entered into by the City, as well as approving the form of such instruments.

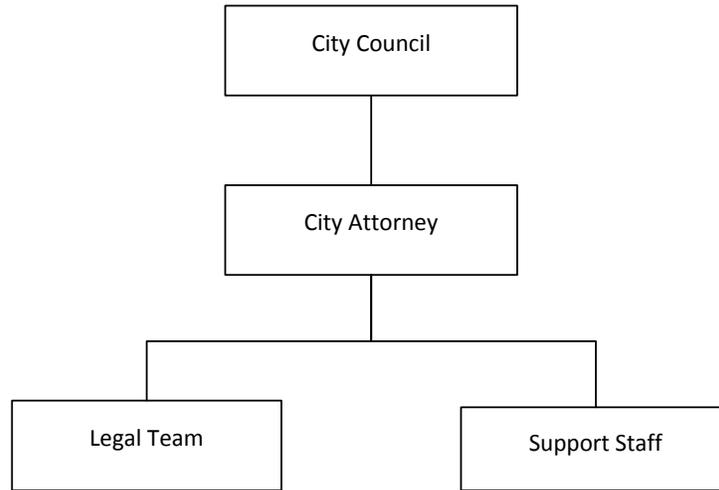
Department Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2012-13

- Established an in-house City Attorney's Department designed to effectuate cost-savings and provide more direct access to the legal team.
- Partnered with the Finance Department to take over responsibility for all cell tower telecommunication license agreements, in order to streamline their negotiation, review and execution, as well as to enhance the City's leverage and maximize benefits.
- Worked on more than 50 projects for all City departments in the three months since establishing the in-house department.
- Successfully managed a litigation matter involving housing covenants, which resulted in more than \$200,000 in settlements and a \$2.7 million jury award.
- Continued to work on several litigation matters by which we partnered with the Police and Community Development departments to close every attempted operation of an illegal medical marijuana establishment in the City.
- Successfully defended a case involving the explosion of a compressed natural gas tank on a vehicle while refueling at a City filling station, culminating in a summary judgment motion victory and an award of more than \$100,000 in attorney fees and costs.
- Successfully prosecuted a case for failure to pay taxes owing to the City, and obtained a default judgment for more than \$40,000.
- Handled more than 25 litigation matters, including the successful conclusion of a wrongful death case and several tort cases for little or no money.
- Managed multiple property acquisition and litigation matters, involving numerous parcels and property owners.

Department Goals for Fiscal Year 2013-14

- Provide continuous evaluation of cost-saving measures through June 2014.
- Provide enhanced service and more direct access for the City Council and City employees through June 2014.
- Establish legal and computer resources, and a document management system necessary to provide effective and efficient legal counsel, building from the City Attorney's nearly two decades of involvement with the City through June 2014.
- Attract, develop, and retain high quality professional staff dedicated to the City Attorney Office's mission statement through June 2014.
- Promote a tenacious yet fair and professional reputation in on-going advocacy for the City in order to best protect City resources and safeguard community interests through June 2014.

Department Organizational Chart by Function City Attorney's Office



Financial Summary Operational

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures FY 2010-11</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures FY 2011-12</u>	<u>Adopted Budget FY 2012-13</u>	<u>Cumulative Budget FY 2012-13</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditures FY 2012-13</u>	<u>Adopted Budget FY 2013-14</u>
<u>BUDGET SUMMARY</u>						
1000 Salaries - Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 608,581	\$ 569,460	\$ 1,100,370
2000 Services - Supplies	-	-	-	250,479	224,875	452,698
5000 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Department	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 859,060</u>	<u>\$ 794,335</u>	<u>\$ 1,553,068</u>
<u>PROGRAMS</u>						
2000 City Attorney	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 859,060</u>	<u>\$ 794,335</u>	<u>\$ 1,553,068</u>
Total Program	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 859,060</u>	<u>\$ 794,335</u>	<u>\$ 1,553,068</u>
<u>FUNDING SOURCES</u>						
110 General Fund	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 859,060</u>	<u>\$ 794,335</u>	<u>\$ 1,553,068</u>
Total Funding	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 859,060</u>	<u>\$ 794,335</u>	<u>\$ 1,553,068</u>

