



LAW DEPARTMENT

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Key Public Service Areas

- ✓ Represent the City in litigation and other legal matters involving the City's interests.
- ✓ Prosecute crimes involving youth under the age of 16.

Scope of Agency Operations

The Law Department is the attorney for the City, City agencies and certain non-City agencies and pension boards, and manages litigation and other legal matters involving the City and its interests. The Law Department is responsible for more than 80,000 matters, and provides legal advice to all City agencies.

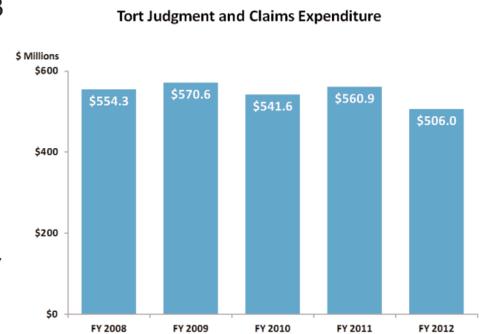
Critical Objectives

- Limit the City's liability and assist City agencies to minimize their exposure to lawsuits.
- Effectively prosecute juveniles in Family Court.

Performance Report

✓ Represent the City in litigation and other legal matters involving the City's interests.

- In Fiscal 2012 tort cases pending increased 2 percent reflecting an increase in cases commenced; however, the long-term trend in pending cases is downward. Tort cases commenced rose 14 percent during the reporting period due in part to cases related to the December 2010 blizzard.
- Tort dispositions decreased 3 percent reflecting a leveling off of cases which are easily disposed.
- The total tort payout for judgment and claims decreased 10 percent in Fiscal 2012. Over the longer term payouts have been variable.



Performance Statistics	Actual					Target		5-Yr. Trend
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY12	FY13	
★ Total tort cases pending	20,084	17,791	17,362	16,850	17,168	17,800	17,800	Downward
Tort cases commenced - Citywide	6,190	6,337	6,442	6,388	7,265	*	*	Upward
Tort dispositions - Citywide	7,116	6,730	6,921	6,573	6,381	6,100	6,100	Neutral
★ Total tort payout (\$000) - Citywide	\$554,326	\$570,581	\$541,595	\$560,852	\$506,048	*	*	Neutral

★ Critical Indicator "NA" - means Not Available in this report

✓ **Prosecute crimes involving youth under the age of 16.**

- In Fiscal 2012 the percentage of referred cases filed for prosecution remained stable as it has for three years.
- During the reporting period the juvenile conviction rate increased 2 percentage points.

Performance Statistics	Actual					Target		5-Yr. Trend
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY12	FY13	
Referred cases filed for prosecution (%)	62%	59%	55%	55%	55%	55%	55%	Downward
Crime victims assessed for community-based services (%)	28%	34%	34%	46%	44%	35%	35%	Upward
Juvenile conviction rate (%)	70%	71%	72%	71%	73%	70%	70%	Neutral

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Agency Customer Service

Performance Statistics	Actual					Target		5-Yr. Trend
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY12	FY13	
Customer Experience								
Percent of e-mails responded to in 14 days	NA	NA	100	100	100	NA	100	NA
Percent of letters responded to in 14 days	NA	97	100	100	100	NA	100	NA
Completed customer requests for interpretation	NA	NA	750	772	763	NA	NA	NA

Agency Resources

Resource Statistics	Actual					Plan ¹		5-Yr. Trend
	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY12	FY13	
Expenditures (\$ millions) ²	\$125.3	\$132.2	\$139.8	\$135.0	\$139.2	\$140.5	\$143.7	Neutral
Revenues (\$ millions)	\$122.1	\$42.8	\$32.7	\$43.4	\$27.8	\$22.2	\$20.6	Downward
Personnel	1,408	1,430	1,382	1,307	1,399	1,341	1,383	Neutral
Overtime paid (\$ millions)	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.1	\$0.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	Downward

¹Authorized Budget Level
²Expenditures include all funds.

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Noteworthy Changes, Additions or Deletions

- Beginning with the Fiscal 2013 Preliminary Mayor's Management Report, the MMR will be restructured to focus on the goals that the agency intends to achieve during the fiscal year. Each goal will be accompanied by a performance measure or measures that will quantify the agency's progress toward achieving that goal. For Fiscal 2013 the Department's services and goals are:

Service 1: Represent the government in litigation and other legal matters involving the City's interests.

Goal 1a: Limit the City's liability as a result of tort claims.

Goal 1b: Reduce the City's tort caseload in State Court.

Service 2: Prosecute juvenile delinquency cases in Family Court.

Goal 2a: Balance the needs of juveniles and the community in delinquency cases.

Service 3: Establish and enforce child support orders in interstate cases.

Goal 3a: Increase the number of out-of-state families that receive child support.

For more information please visit the website at: www.nyc.gov/law