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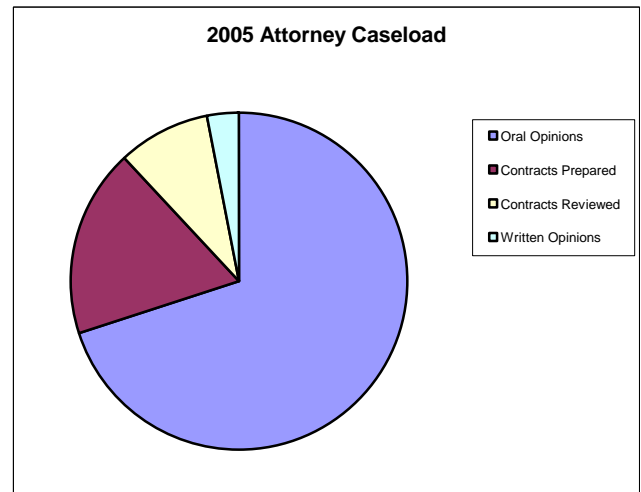
**Mission:**

- Provide high quality, non-partisan legal services to the County Commissioners, elected and appointed officials, departments and advisory boards.

The County Counselor provides legal advice and representation to the Board of County Commissioners, County elected and appointed officials, County management and advisory boards on civil matters affecting the County and Fire District # 1. These services include drafting and reviewing resolutions, contracts and other legal documents, giving advice and rendering opinions as requested, and prosecuting and defending the County’s interests before State and Federal courts and administrative agencies.

The County Counselor also prosecutes violations of all County resolutions in the County Court. Violations include code enforcement and nuisance citations, traffic infractions, or misdemeanors committed within the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County.

In 2004, County Court began enforcing violations issued by the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC) to parents who failed to pick up their children from JIAC. County Court also handles citations for Illegal Dumping and Trespassing in the “Big Ditch” area. Fines may be



paid online for citizens’ convenience on the County website [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org) under County Fine Violation Payment Center.

**Budget Summary by Category**

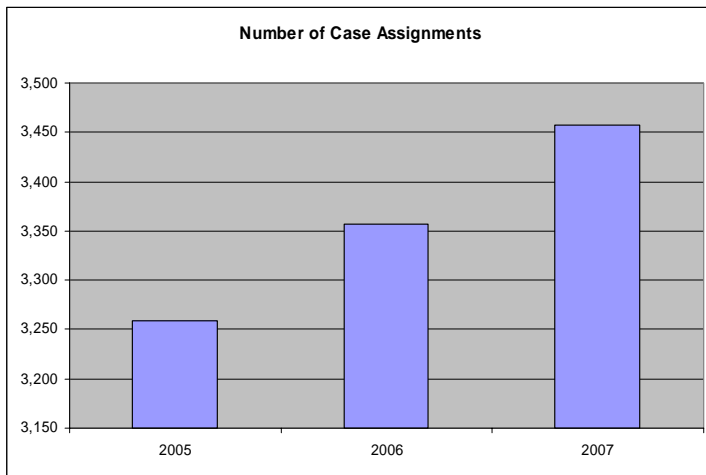
	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	902,272	1,045,757	1,045,757	1,104,613	5.6%
Contractual Services	272,491	422,640	412,640	395,491	-4.2%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	14,864	4,729	14,729	4,825	-67.2%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	29	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	69,888	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,259,543</b>	<b>1,473,126</b>	<b>1,473,126</b>	<b>1,504,929</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	47,846	61,845	61,845	63,779	3.1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>47,846</b>	<b>61,845</b>	<b>61,845</b>	<b>63,779</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Budget Summary by Fund**

	2006 Revised	2007 Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>		
General Fund	1,473,126	1,504,929
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,473,126</b>	<b>1,504,929</b>

**Budget Summary by Program**

Program	Expenditures				Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)				
	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Counselor's Office	170,964	118,013	118,013	122,447	3.8%	2.10	1.60	2.10	31.3%
General Legal	996,108	1,254,318	1,254,318	1,269,037	1.2%	9.60	10.10	10.10	0.0%
Sedg. County Court	92,472	100,795	100,795	113,445	12.6%	4.30	4.80	4.30	-10.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,259,543</b>	<b>1,473,126</b>	<b>1,473,126</b>	<b>1,504,929</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>0.0%</b>



**Department Performance Measures and Goals**

Type of Measure	Performance Measure	2005 Actual	2006 Est.	2007 Proj.
<b>Input:</b> Resources needed to produce a unit of output	Number of attorneys	7.75	7.75	8.00
<b>Output:</b> Amount of product or service provided	Number of assignments	3,259	3,357	3,458
<b>Efficiency:</b> Inputs consumed to produce a unit of output	Assignments per attorney	421	433	432
<b>Service Quality:</b> Client satisfaction, and timeliness	Timeliness of assignments completion	97%	97%	97%
<b>Outcome:</b> Qualitative consequence associated with the service	Customer Satisfaction	100%	100%	100%

**Goals:**

- Assist County departments and leadership by prevention and avoidance of legal claims
- Render sound legal advice in a prompt and responsive manner



**• Counselor’s Office Administration**

Administration in the County Counselor’s Office is responsible for all aspects of Counselor’s operations shared in common, such as management, budgeting, purchasing and reception for the department.

Fund: General Fund				63001-110	
Expenditures	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Personnel	98,656	114,573	114,573	118,497	3.4%
Contractual Services	2,350	3,365	3,365	3,800	12.9%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	69	75	75	150	100.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	69,888	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>170,964</b>	<b>118,013</b>	<b>118,013</b>	<b>122,447</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	80	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>31.3%</b>

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**• General Legal Services**

The County Counselor provides in-house legal services to the Board of County Commissioners, elected and appointed officials, and advisory boards. Services include advising with oral and written legal opinions, representation in legal proceedings and the review and preparation of contracts, resolutions, policies and procedures and mitigation of all cases of liability against the County, including claims originating from the County jail. Mainly supported by County revenues, nearly half of the budget authority funds legal professional services (funding set aside for payment to attorneys hired to handle special situations) and case settlement.

Fund: General Fund					
Expenditures	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Personnel	713,163	837,389	837,389	878,916	5.0%
Contractual Services	268,817	412,575	402,575	385,946	-4.1%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	14,098	4,354	14,354	4,175	-70.9%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	29	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>996,108</b>	<b>1,254,318</b>	<b>1,254,318</b>	<b>1,269,037</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	384	1,376	1,376	1,434	4.2%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>10.10</b>	<b>9.60</b>	<b>10.10</b>	<b>10.10</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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• **County Court**

County Court is authorized by K.S.A. 19-101(d) and was created to enforce County Codes and resolutions through the criminal prosecution of violators. It was created by BoCC resolution in 1991, when it handled only Animal Control cases. Since its creation, more “enforcing” departments have become aware of its functional authority and have begun to seek prosecution for violations of the County Code. The County Counselor is responsible for prosecution of all cases filed in County Court.

<b>Fund: General Fund</b>				<b>63004-110</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>% Chg.</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>06-07</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	90,452	93,795	93,795	107,200	14.3%
Contractual Services	1,323	6,700	6,700	5,745	-14.3%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	696	300	300	500	66.7%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>92,472</b>	<b>100,795</b>	<b>100,795</b>	<b>113,445</b>	<b>12.6%</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	47,381	60,469	60,469	62,345	3.1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>47,381</b>	<b>60,469</b>	<b>60,469</b>	<b>62,345</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</b>	<b>4.80</b>	<b>4.30</b>	<b>4.80</b>	<b>4.30</b>	<b>-10.4%</b>

**Goal:**

- Provide and oversee an effective County Court system that prosecutes and adjudicates violations of County codes and resolutions

