

### Richard Euson

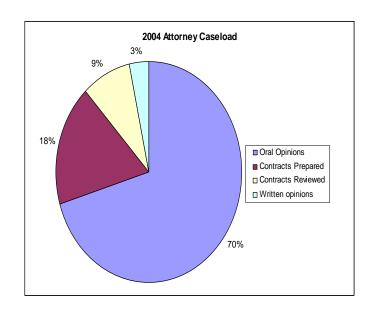
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Mission:

□ 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 <a href="https://www.sedgwickcounty.org">www.sedgwickcounty.org</a> under County Fine Violation Payment Center.

**Budget Summary by Category** 

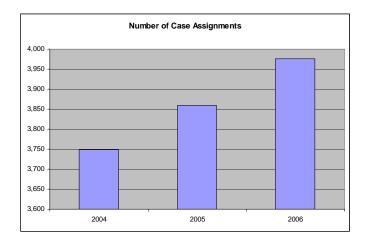
budget Summary by Cate	goi y				
	2004	2005	2005	2006	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	05-06
Personnel	1,050,623	1,108,508	1,015,596	1,045,757	3.0%
Contractual Services	477,232	402,746	402,746	422,640	4.9%
Debt Service	=	-	-	-	
Commodities	5,259	6,124	6,124	4,729	-22.8%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	2,145	2,145	-	-100.0%
Interfund Transfers	18,194	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	1,551,308	1,519,523	1,426,611	1,473,126	3.3%
Revenue					
Taxes	=	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	=	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	52,505	41,703	41,703	61,845	48.3%
Total Revenue	52,505	41,703	41,703	61,845	48.3%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	18.60	20.60	18.60	18.60	0.0%

# **Budget Summary by Fund**

	Expenditures General Fund	2005 Revised 1,426,611	2006 Budget 1,473,126
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2	Total Expenditures	1,426,611	1,473,126
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# **Budget Summary by Program**

	Expenditures				Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)				
Program	2004 Actual	2005 Adopted	2005 Revised	2006 Budget	% Chg. 05-06	2005 Adopted	2005 Revised	2006 Budget	% Chg. 05-06
Counselor's Office	106,765	112,194	112,194	118,013	5.2%	2.10	2.10	2.10	0.0%
General Legal	1,352,604	1,298,481	1,205,569	1,254,317	4.0%	11.70	9.70	9.70	0.0%
Sedg. County Court	91,938	108,848	108,848	100,795	-7.4%	6.80	6.80	6.80	0.0%
Total	1,551,308	1,519,523	1,426,611	1,473,126	3.3%	20.60	18.60	18.60	0.0%



The County Counselor contributed 1.5 full time positions to the County Combined Call Center at the beginning of 2005. These positions provide expertise in administering a program responsible for investigating and collecting delinquent personal property taxes. Additionally, these staff provide support for producing a more accurate personal property tax roll.

**Department Performance Measures and Goals** 

		2004	2005	2006
Type of Measure	Performance Measure	Actual	Est.	Proj.
Input: Resources needed to produce a unit of output	Number of attorneys	8	8	8
Output: Amount of product or service provided	Number of assignments	3,748	3,860	3,976
Efficiency: Inputs consumed to produce a unit of output	Assignments per attorney	469	483	497
Service Quality: Client satisfaction, and timeliness	Timeliness	97%	97%	97%
Outcome: Qualitative consequence associated with the service	Client Survey - Poor(1), Fair/Good (3) and Excellent (5)			
the service	Poor	0%	0%	0%
	Fair/Good	8%	8%	8%
	Excellent	92%	92%	92%

# 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

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				•	3001-110
Expenditures	2004 Actual	2005 Adopted	2005 Revised	2006 Budget	% Chg. 05-06
Personnel	103,452	108,919	108,919	114,573	5.2%
Contractual Services	3,257	3,200	3,200	3,365	5.2%
Debt Service	=	-	-	-	
Commodities	56	75	75	75	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	106,765	112,194	112,194	118,013	5.2%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	=	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue		-	-	-	
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	0.0%

### Goals:

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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.

	2004	2005	2005	2006	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	05-06
Personnel	857,607	897,069	804,157	837,388	4.1%
Contractual Services	472,523	395,017	395,017	412,575	4.4%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	4,280	4,250	4,250	4,354	2.4%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	2,145	2,145	-	-100.0%
Interfund Transfers	18,194	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	1,352,604	1,298,481	1,205,569	1,254,317	4.0%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	1,058	-	-	1,376	
Total Revenue	1,058	-	-	1,376	
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	9.70	11.70	9.70	9.70	0.0%

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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.

Fund: General Fund				6	3004-110
	2004	2005	2005	2006	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	05-06
Personnel	89,563	102,520	102,520	93,795	-8.5%
Contractual Services	1,452	4,529	4,529	6,700	47.9%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	923	1,799	1,799	300	-83.3%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	91,938	108,848	108,848	100,795	-7.4%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	51,447	41,703	41,703	60,469	45.0%
Total Revenue	51,447	41,703	41,703	60,469	45.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.80	0.0%

# Goal:

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