

**City Attorney's Office
2011 Budget Hearing**

**Ways and Means/Budget Committee Presentation
September 22, 2010**

**CITY ATTORNEY
Highlights of the Mayor's Recommended Budget**

■ **2011 Recommended**

- ◆ **Criminal General Fund: \$121,000 reduction**
\$113,000 CSL model reduction
\$234,000
- ◆ **Civil (SIF Fund) – No reduction**

Highlights of the Mayor's Recommended Budget

The Bottom Line

■ **Combined Impact: 2009-2011**

◆ **Criminal**

- ◆ \$700,000 reduction
- ◆ 3 FTEs eliminated
(6 grant funded employees)

◆ **Civil**

- ◆ \$125,000 reduction
- ◆ 3.5 FTEs eliminated

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Highlights of the Mayor's Recommended Budget

■ **2009-2010 Impact of Cuts on Criminal Division**

- ◆ 2 Prosecutors not replaced
- ◆ 2 Paralegals
- ◆ Eliminated paid law clerks
- ◆ Eliminated all vacant positions

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Highlights of the Mayor's Recommended Budget

- **Impact of 2011 Reduction on Criminal Division**
 - ◆ **Reorganize crime victim witness function (partial 1-time savings)**
 - ◆ **Eliminate 2 positions through attrition**
 - **Community paralegal**
 - ◆ **Sharing 3 paralegals for 5 precincts**
 - **File Room position**

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Healthcare Savings

- **Criminal Division: healthcare savings of \$47,676 used to offset budget reductions**
- **Civil Division: healthcare savings of \$35,856 to be applied to litigation electronic discovery technology project**

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Progress: Criminal Prosecution

■ **Priorities**

- ◆ **Community Prosecution**
 - ◆ **Chronic livability offenders**
- ◆ **Domestic Violence**
- ◆ **DWIs and victim crimes**

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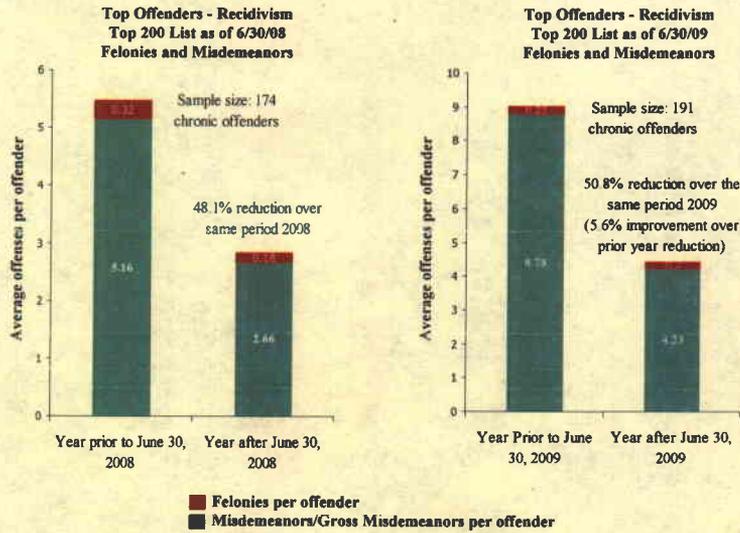
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Community Prosecution: Chronic Offender

- **Reduced Recidivism by 50.8%**
 - ◆ **5% improvement over 2009**

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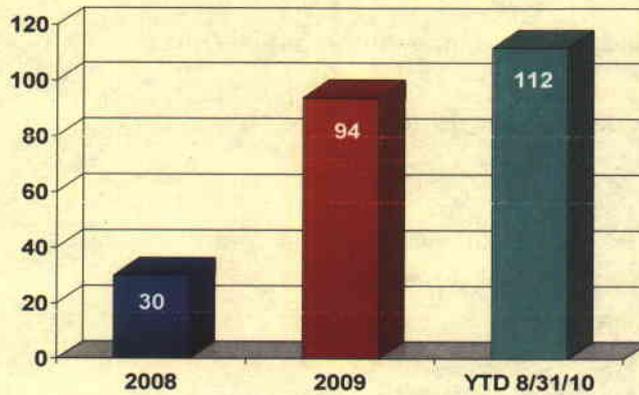
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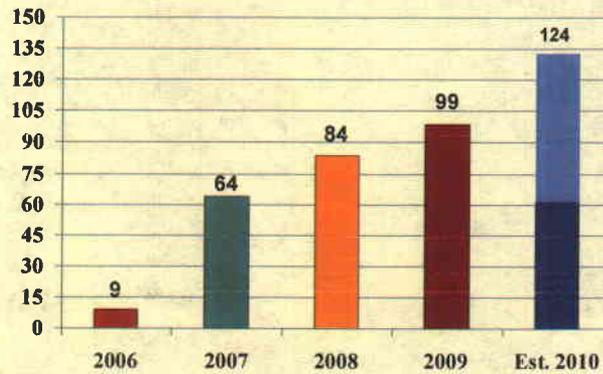
**Number of geographic restrictions obtained
 for Chronic Offenders**



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**Gross Misdemeanor Trespass
2006 – 2010 Cases Charged**



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New Initiative: Downtown 100 (DID Grant Funding)

- Downtown Prosecutor
- Downtown Community Probation Officer

Team-based “holistic approach”

- Downtown Court Watch
- Prevent Recidivism – address underlying causes

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First Quarter Results

- 69% reduction in new cases in DID
- No displacement: 52% reduction in surrounding neighborhoods
- 28% provided chemical dependency services
- 26% provided mental health services
- 8% provided housing

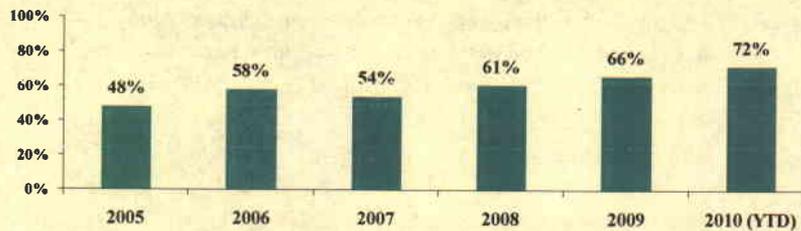
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Domestic Violence

50% increase in conviction rate since 2005

Conviction Rate on Domestic Violence Cases

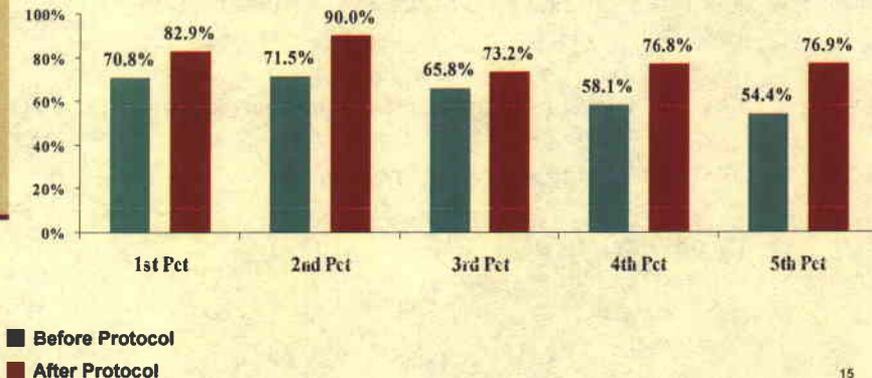


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Domestic Violence Evidence Protocol

Change in conviction rate following implementation of misdemeanor domestic violence investigation protocol



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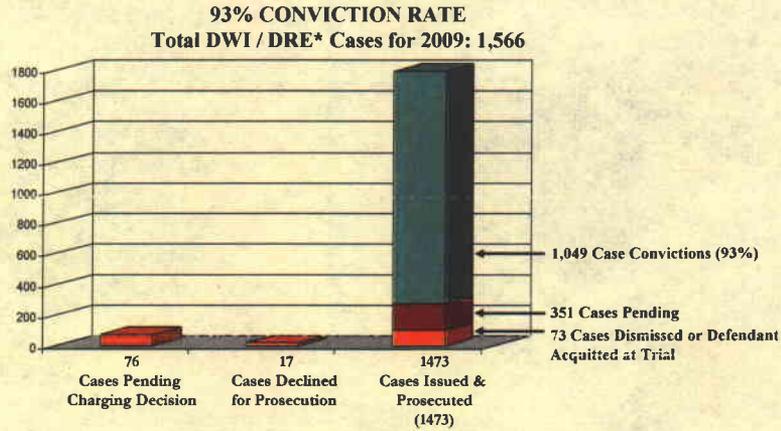
“As a result of the Domestic Violence Investigation Protocol training, our advocates have seen positive changes in every precinct, particularly in the 3rd and 4th precincts, relating to police handling of domestic assault cases. Battered women have told our advocates how helpful police officers have been and how respectful they have felt in interactions with police.”

Carol Arthur
Executive Director
Domestic Abuse Project

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DWI Prosecutions



* DRE are driving under the influence of drug cases.
The CAO prosecuted 28 DRE cases in 2009.

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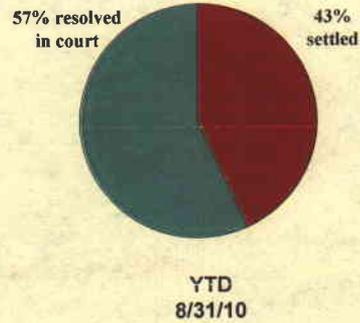
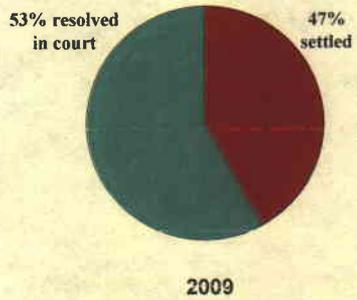
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Progress: Civil Division Client Services

- Pension Lawsuit
- Instant Runoff Voting Election
- Federal Stimulus Grant Compliance
- Charter Commission – Proposed Charter
- Regulatory Services – Problem Properties
- Human Resources Attorneys
- Ethics Officer

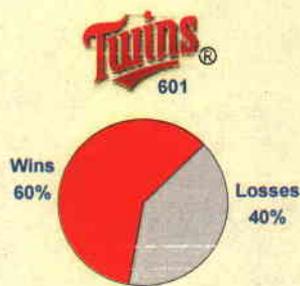
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Accomplishments: Civil Division

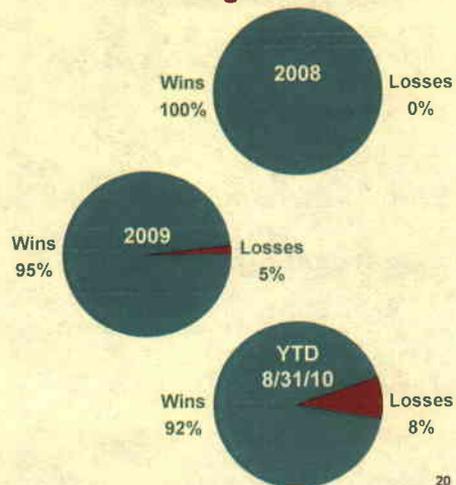
Civil Litigation



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Progress: Civil Division



CAO Litigation Team



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Trends and Challenges

Staffing

- **Continued heavy caseloads**
 - ◆ **25% increase since 2005 (Criminal Division)**
- **Reduced staffing**
 - ◆ **5 employees not replaced**
- **6 criminal positions funded by grants**
 - ◆ **4 Attorneys**
 - ◆ **1 Paralegal**
 - ◆ **1 Victim Witness Assistant**
- **Impacts of budget cuts by other jurisdictions**

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Trends and Challenges

■ **Attorney Unit Salaries**

- ◆ **Most of the unit is in steps**
- ◆ **2010 estimated shortage: \$150,000 - Criminal**

■ **Workhouse**

- ◆ **13% of Criminal Division budget**
- **42% of non-personnel Criminal budget**
- ◆ **Statutory formula for rates**

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Trends and Challenges

Technology

- **Criminal Justice System Integration**
 - ◆ \$ Investment just to stay in place
 - ◆ On-going: E-discovery
E-charging
E-subpoenas
- **Civil litigation: Electronic Discovery**
- **BIS:**
 - ◆ 8.8% rate model increase/1% budget increase
 - ◆ Added charges
- **Need Project Funding Source – Year-end Savings**

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Impact of Recommended Budget on Key Results

- **Reductions to Community Attorney Program**
 - ◆ **Paralegal Staffing**
- **Delays – Lower Priority Work**
- **Additional Cuts – Dramatic Impact**

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Recent or Planned Efficiencies

- **Crime Victim Liaison BPI Project**
 - ◆ **2010 savings: 15% (\$50,000) over 2009**
 - ◆ **Reorganization – one time savings for 2011**

- **Wireless Access in Courtrooms**

- **Officer Testimony – Subpoenas**
 - ◆ **Reduce standby costs for MPD**
 - ◆ **“e-subpoenas”**

- **Cross Training of Support Staff**

- **Park Police Case Charging**

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New Initiatives

- **Top Offender initiatives**
 - ◆ **Downtown 100**
 - ◆ **West Broadway Business Corridor**

- **Domestic Violence**
 - ◆ **Repeat offender initiative**
 - ◆ **Minneapolis Model**

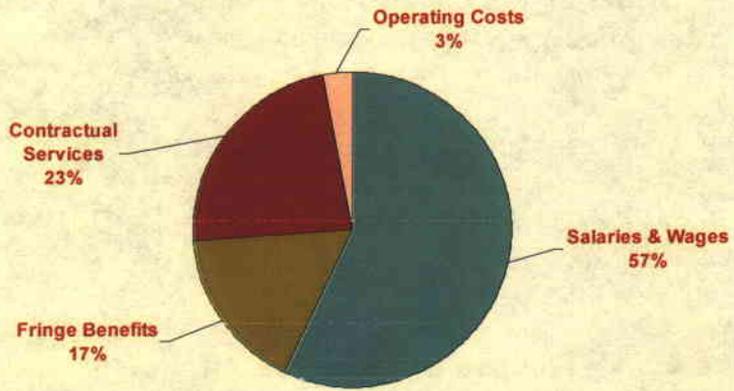
- **Sustain Evidence Protocol Initiative**

- **Cancelled Driver Licenses – Diversion Initiative**

- **Negotiation**

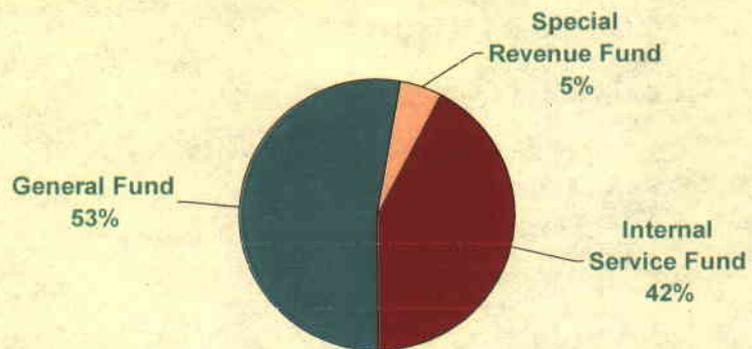
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Expenditures by Type (\$14.3 million)**



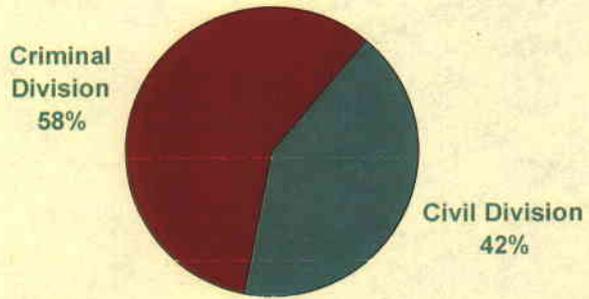
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Expenditures by Fund (\$14.3 million)**



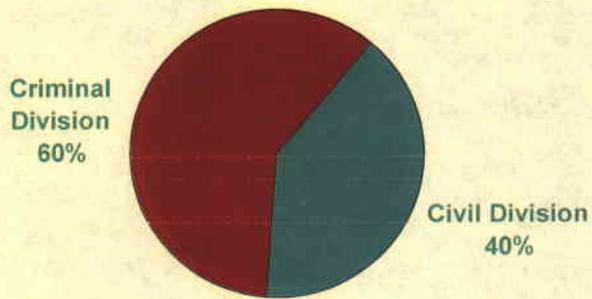
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Expenditures by Division (\$14.3 million)**



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Positions by Division (105)**



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