

**Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Budget
Highlights and Goals**

COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

FY2010 Highlights

State's Attorney's Office:

Civil Division:

- Issued over 651 legal opinions.
- Reviewed more than 123 public contracts.
- Handled 30 involuntary commitment petitions.
- Responded to 38 FOIA requests.
- Opened approximately 391 new ordinance violations on behalf of County Departments.
- The Civil Division had a total of 92 new litigation cases.
- The Civil Division is also charged with the responsibility of preventing the litigation of conflicts to which the County may be a party.
- Responds to and conducts Open Meetings Act investigations.

Criminal Division:

- Successful conviction rate with the goal toward protection of the public and rehabilitation of the offender toward a law abiding return to the community.
- 1,349 felony adult offenders charged.
- 3,341 misdemeanor adult offenders charged.
- Juvenile/Criminal Division has charged 311 juvenile offenders under 17 years of age.
- Filed 65 abuse and neglect petitions protecting children from unsafe family conditions.

Victim Services Representatives:

- Served the needs of victims of crimes in 2,248 cases.

Investigation Unit:

- Processed and served 295 Grand Jury Summons.
- Processed and served 1,756 Summons and Subpoenas for witnesses, defendants, and police officers with a success rate of 80%.
- Provided photographic evidence and geographic displays for the State's Attorney's Office for numerous trials.
- Copied 538 audio and visual tapes and/or CD's and cassettes for police departments and defense counsel – a 59% increase this year.
- Supplied information in response to over 200 telephone inquiries by citizens.
- Handled 35 walk in complaints.
- Conducted 50 investigations.
- Assisted in locating, transporting and interviewing over 75 witnesses for trial.
- Assisted in the enforcement of the Check Enforcement Program by preparing informational material, meeting with numerous civic groups, including chambers of commerce and service clubs, and worked with police agencies to coordinate the arrest of non-compliant offenders.
- Responded to election law violations.
- Investigated open meetings violations.
- For the first time in McHenry County history, the Investigation Unit of the State's Attorney's Office has collected over \$34,000.00 in service and return fees for the service of Summons and Subpoenas.

FY2011 Goals

- Develop and work to implement a First Offender Program.
- Develop and work to implement a Drug Court based on availability of funding.
- Help victims of crime as the cases of their offenders work their way through the criminal justice system.
- The State's Attorney's Office will continue to provide capable in-house counsel to the County and decrease the need to pay private firms to represent the County.
- Be tough on crime and those who break the law while still showing compassion for the mentally ill through expanding the capacity of the Mental Health Court.
- The State's Attorney's Office is committed to meeting the needs of the people of McHenry County.