



General Litigation Department

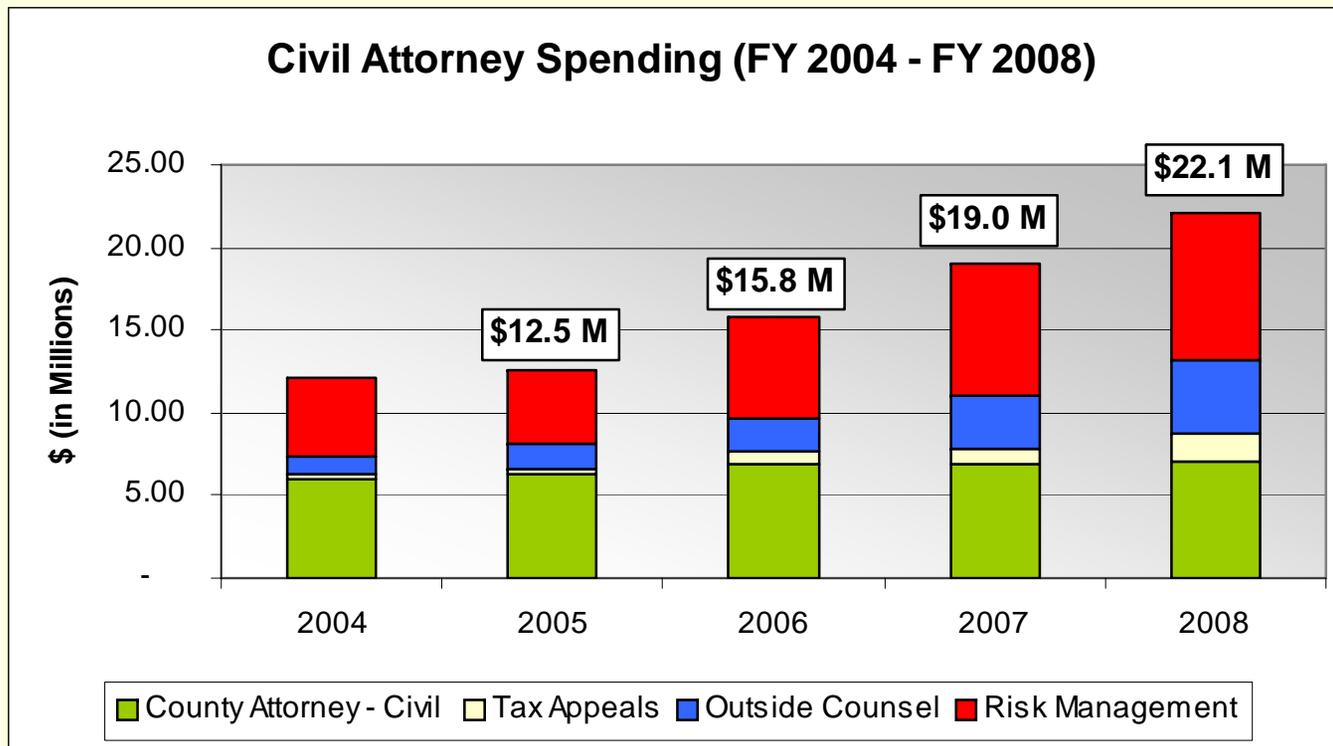


Purpose

- Effectuate the Board of Supervisor's December 23, 2008 action to amend delegation of litigation services from the County Attorney to the County Manager
- Oversee all County litigation

Anticipated Benefits

- Reduced costs as a result of less reliance upon outside counsel



Anticipated Benefits

- County Counsel costs increased by \$10 million or 83% over 4 years (2005 – 2008)
- Outside counsel costs comprised approximately 75% of this growth
- Outside counsel is generally 3-4 times more expensive than staff attorneys

Organization and Funding

- Initial staff funded from Non-Departmental Consultants
 - Director
 - Admin. Manager
 - Attorney
 - Legal Assistant
- Outside counsel budget funded from County Attorney-Civil Division
 - Amount associated with litigation services; does not affect legal advice budget
- No reductions in force as a result of this action

Next Steps

- Hire staff
- Determine additional staffing needs
- Identify protocol for using outside counsel
- Develop full-fledged budget for FY 2010