CITY ATTORNEY &
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

The City Attorney and Organizational Support Services Department was created under the 2004 reorganization in order to consolidate under one department all internal functions of the City; that is, those functions which provide services primarily to City employees and elected officials. Because the City Charter requires that an in-house City Attorney be a department director, all Organizational Support Services Department personnel are under the supervision of the incumbent City Attorney. The specific departmental functions are:

Office of the City Attorney
Serves as the chief legal advisor to the Governing Body, City Manager and all City departments; represents the City in all legal proceedings.

Human Resources Division
Provides full service Human Resources functions for all City employees, including all personnel services and administration, wage and salary development and administration, classification development and administration, safety program administration, City-wide training, Worker’s Compensation program administration, labor relations, and all other related functions.

Risk Management
Currently an additional function of the Office of the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Human Resources Division. Function to become separate division in the future.
City of Rio Rancho
Department Budget Structure

City Attorney &
Organizational Support
Services
James (Jim) Babin

Legal
(2005)

Human Resources
(2010)
GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2008
City Attorney and Organizational Support

Total Budget $1,669,275
Percentage by Cost Center

City Attorney 40%
Human Resources 60%

City Attorney & Organizational Support 3%
Fiscal Services 5%
Cultural Enrichment 15%
Development Services 6%
Public Infrastructure 13%
Municipal Court 2%
Public Safety 25%
Fire & Rescue 13%
Administration 2%
Fiduciary 15%
City Council 0.34%
City Clerk 1%

Total Budget $1,669,275
Percentage by Cost Center
Program Description:

The City Attorney is the only Department which answers to the City Manager and the Governing Body directly by City Charter provision. Recognizing a certain segment of preventive law exists, the City Attorney is primarily a reactive institution, dependent almost entirely on outside forces which determine its workload, and, most importantly, workload priority. Time, numerical or quantitative measurements have little or no value. While 100 issues may take a month to resolve, one may take a full year or more. Indeed, the Canons of Ethics of the ABA and the New Mexico Bar require an attorney to turn down tasks for clients where the attorney believes in his professional judgment cannot be done in a professional manner either because of the workload or specific expertise of the attorney. To not do so subjects the attorney to discipline and potential malpractice suits. The only real measurement is the subjective judgment of the client. Those caveats being stated, the City Attorney’s Office will strive to accomplish the following Goals & Objectives:

Goals and Objectives:

QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE GOAL: Strive to improve overall effectiveness in all aspects of services and become a community of quality and excellence.

- OBJECTIVE: Improve the service level of Municipal Court system
  1. Revise and update Local Rules for Municipal Court

- OBJECTIVE: Improve the enforcement of local laws
  1. Revise, repeal, replace selected ordinances for City Council consideration and adoption

OPERATIONS GOAL: Continue to define, improve, and enhance the delivery and efficiency of operations and services within city government and to the citizens of the community.

- OBJECTIVE: Assist to ensure smooth transition of fire and rescue personnel from DPS to own department
  1. Review and recommend changes where necessary all DPS Standard Operating Procedures and all new Department of Fire and Rescue Standard Operating Procedures

- OBJECTIVE: Improve purchasing documents for clarity and use
  1. Revise and reconcile all standard purchasing forms

- OBJECTIVE: Lower loss experience for WC, Tort and EEOC claims
  1. Examine filed claims to determine if change in operations would have prevented incident; make appropriate recommendations and institute changes, if warranted.
### CITY ATTORNEY & ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES
#### City Attorney
#### Cost Center 101-2005
#### Expenditures

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Positions Approved*  

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*Full Time Equivalence
Program Description:

Human Resources, is a division of the City Attorney and Organization Support Services Department, administers the classification and compensation, payroll processing, education and training, employee’s assistance program (EAP), employee benefits, employee relations, employee safety, HR policies and work rules, labor relations for city unions, recruitment and retention, and the youth worker program.

Goals and Objectives:

QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE GOAL: Strive to improve overall effectiveness in all aspects of services and become a community of quality and excellence.

- OBJECTIVE: Promote continued training of employees
  1. Provide meaningful training to supervisors on Family and Medical Leave, American’s With Disabilities, AFSCME Contract, RRPFDA Contract, Worker’s Compensation, Just Cause/Progressive Discipline, Accident Reporting, Sexual Harassment and Conflict Resolution.

WORKFORCE GOAL: Recruit and maintain high quality, motivated employees; promote continued training of employees; and, strive to provide a safe work environment.

- OBJECTIVE: Recruit and maintain high quality, motivated employees
  1. Implement Classification and Compensation plan by 01/01/2008.

- OBJECTIVE: Strive to provide a safe work environment
  1. Training for supervisors on American’s With Disabilities, Worker’s Compensation, Accident Reporting, Sexual Harassment and Conflict Resolution. Continue to provide monthly safety training to all employees. Continue to have safety committee meetings quarterly and accident review committee monthly.

Performance Indicators:

- More effective managers and supervisors as evidenced by lower turnover and the percentage of grievances that pass from management control.
- 100% compliance with all Federal and State employment laws.
- Reduction of reportable incidences of work related accidents and injuries.

Prior Year Accomplishments:

- Fully integrated the Payroll function and the HR function and now offer a seamless employee services team with no overlapping tasks. Staff is appropriately cross trained.
- Achieved 100% payroll audit by the State auditors.
- Successfully implemented online candidate applications that are received electronically and are distributed electronically to hiring managers.
- Successfully Implemented online job posting.
- Completed internal payroll audit to ensure accuracy of employee demographic information.
## CITY ATTORNEY & ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

### Human Resources

**Cost Center 101-2010**

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![Chart showing expenditures over years for Personal Services, Materials & Services, and Capital Outlay.]