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MEMORANDUM

To: Albany County Legislature – Deputy Chairwoman
From: Jeffery V Jamison, Esq., Albany County Attorney
Date: October 16, 2025
Re: Response toe Budget Information

County Attorney Response to Legislature - budget memorandum request for information

1. Jeffery V. Jamison, Esq., the Albany County Attorney shall appear before the Committee representing the County Attorney and Department of Law.
2. Vacancies by line item with explanation:
 - a. 250069 - Asst County Attorney I – During the year an attorney moved from a I to a II, opening up a spot. We have a candidate that we are waiting on bar exam results to fill this entry level position.
 - b. 250054 – P/T Assistant County Attorney is being removed in the budget
 - c. 250065 – Asst County Attorney IV – recently vacant – we hired an excellent candidate, who enjoyed the work, but left for the private sector and more income. We are actively recruiting.
 - d. 250072 – Legal Secretary - We had a staff member leave this year. Another member of our team moved up to that position leaving a vacancy in this line. We are currently interviewing to fill this position.
3. There were no new titles created
4. In March of this year, the Albany County Legislature increased the salaries of several attorney positions within the District Attorney’s Office. These positions include bureau chiefs, assistant district attorneys, supervisors, and support staff. Albany County is considered a single employer with one human resources department and one employer

identification number. Within the Department of Law there are attorneys performing identical tasks within the family court unit prosecuting juvenile delinquents. Further, over the past three years there has been a significant uptick in the crimes being performed by JDs and not adults. Accordingly, the increases in the proposed budget to these lines are reflective of the increases the legislative body has made this year to positions performing identical work. I will discuss these further in person as necessary at the meeting.

5. Elimination of positions – the title Keyboard Specialist I was reclassified to legal secretary, accurately reflecting the functions and duties of the position
6. No grant funded positions
7. Reclassification – see question 5. Additionally, the position Assistant County Attorney is inclusive of all levels I through VI. Civil Service does not distinguish between the different roman numerals. Accordingly, while there are differing numbers of I-VI, all of these positions are considered the same for the purposes of Civil Service.
8. Fees for service

2025 Fees For Service

Vendor	Amount	Description
ROEMER WALLENS GOLD & MINEAUX LLP	\$ 90,000.00	Outside Counsel
WHITEMAN OSTERMAN & HANNA LLP	\$ 15,000.00	Outside Counsel
O CONNELL AND ARONOWITZ	\$ 33,000.00	Outside Counsel
BOND SCHOENECK & KING PLLC	\$ 28,000.00	Outside Counsel
CORRIGAN MC COY & BUSH PPLC	\$ 9,000.00	Outside Counsel
	\$ 175,000.00	

2026 Fees For Service

ROEMER WALLENS GOLD & MINEAUX LLP	\$ 113,190.00
WHITEMAN OSTERMAN & HANNA LLP	\$ 18,750.00
O CONNELL AND ARONOWITZ	\$ 41,250.00
BOND SCHOENECK & KING PLLC	\$ 35,560.00
CORRIGAN MC COY & BUSH PPLC	\$ 11,250.00
	\$ 220,000.00

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9. New programs or initiatives and any eliminated – implementation of a case management system, this will track resources and time spent on each matter. The system has several reporting modules.
10. No county vehicles are assigned to any specific employee in the Department of Law
11. Conference/training/tuition – includes payment of license fees that are required for the position. Also, monies for County Attorneys of the State of New York (CASNY) seminars and conferences including continuing legal education courses.
12. We do not have any anticipated overtime, compensation time may be earned by employees for instances where work is need to be performed within a specific deadline and requires an employee to work beyond the schedule workday, or workweek.
13. Line changes during the 2025 fiscal year – One change – Asst County Atty IV to a Asst County Attorney VI
14. Greatest risk – increase litigation in law enforcement and corrections, insurance premiums, increased cases in family court, recruitment and retention of attorneys.
15. We are in the process of selecting a vendor to implement a new case management system. This will also be a time keeping and calendar system that will allow for reports to be generated. Further, it will provide the tracking of resources allocated to each specific matter, as well the time allocated by each individual member of the County Attorney's Office.
16. Increased family court matters, including court mandated involvement in custody matters where Albany County is not a party.