

**Department of Law  
FY25 Midyear Status Report**

Item No.	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Questions
1	Criminal Division / Various	Add Attorneys and Support Staff to Assist with Consent Law Changes	\$1,832.6 Gen Fund (UGF) 10 PFT Positions Inc	<p>Please provide an update as to the positions that have been filled, their hiring dates and current recruitments still taking place. Are all of these positions expected to be filled in FY25? Please provide details of which positions were filled and where.</p> <p>The requested increments for FY25 were as follows:            Second Judicial District: \$319.7 - Attorney 5, range 25, Nome;            Third Judicial Anchorage: \$382.7 - Attorney 5, range 25, and Paralegal 3, range 17;            Third Judicial Outside Anchorage: \$114.9 - Law Office Assistant 2, range 13, Kenai;            Fourth Judicial District: \$248.0 - Attorney 5, range 25, Fairbanks;            Criminal Justice Litigation: \$248.4 - Two Admin. Assistants in Juneau/ Anchorage            Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation: \$1,014.9            - Attorney 5, range 25, Juneau;            - Attorney 5, range 25, Bethel;            - Attorney 5, range 25, Anchorage;            - Paralegal 3, range 17, Anchorage;            - Law Office Assistant 2, range 13, Anchorage.</p>
<p><b>Agency Response</b></p> <p>Second Judicial District: Attorney 5 was filled in Nome on 12/2/2024.            Third Judicial District Anchorage: Attorney 5 is waiting on approved PAF from OMB; Paralegal was filled on 12/9/2024.            Third Judicial District Outside Anchorage: Law Office Assistant 2 was moved to the Third Judicial District Anchorage and is in active recruitment.            Fourth Judicial District: Attorney 5 position was moved to the Third Judicial District Outside Anchorage (in Palmer) and is in current recruitment with a candidate identified and pending job offer.            Criminal Justice Litigation: Admin Assistants in Anchorage and Juneau are in active recruitment; Attorney 5 was filled on 11/15/2024; Law Office Assist may possibly relocating due to business needs.            Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation: Attorney 5 position for Juneau was moved to Criminal Justice Litigation and filled on 11/26/2024; Attorney 5 in Bethel was repurposed for business needs; Attorney 5 in Anchorage is pending position approval; Paralegal 3 was repurposed for business needs; Law Office Assistant 2 was repurposed for business needs.</p>				

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2	Criminal Division / Various	Add Graduate Intern Positions for Criminal Division Internship Program	\$277.7 Gen Fund (UGF) 12 TMP Positions Inc	Please provide an update as to the success of recruitment for the intern positions and expectations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
<p><b>Agency Response</b></p> <p>When recruiting for Interns with at least 2-years experience at a Law School, the Criminal Division received 49 applicants and made 14 hires across the state in Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Nome, and Palmer. The division is currently recruiting and in the interview stage for two more applicants for positions in Kodiak and Ketchikan. The division has begun reviewing applications for Interns with 1-year of experience at Law School and anticipate having final numbers in February 2025.</p>				
3	Criminal Division / Various	Add Investigators, Attorneys and Support Staff	\$1,540.4 Gen Fund (UGF) 8 PFT Positions Inc	Please provide an update as to the positions that have been filled, their hiring dates and current recruitments still taking place. Are all of these positions expected to be filled in FY25? Please provide details of which positions were filled and where.
<p><b>Agency Response</b></p> <p>The division is currently working with Classifications on the position descriptions. Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation: Attorney 5 candidate has accepted and will start 6/2/2025 in Anchorage; Paralegal was filled in Anchorage on 10/14/2024.</p>				
4	Civil Division / Deputy Attorney General's Office	Increase for Statehood Defense (FY25-FY27)	\$500.0 Gen Fund (UGF) IncT	A table was provided in January of 2024 identifying a total of \$8.8 million in potential anticipated costs. With this authorization, \$7.7 million has been made available by the legislature. How has the reduced amount impacted addressing Statehood Defense casework? Is there an updated table of identified anticipated costs?
<p><b>Agency Response</b></p> <p>Please note that the \$8.8 million referenced only covered the cases that had already been filed. As of March 2024, there was an addition \$5.4 million in anticipated cases that had not been filed yet. Additionally, the total amount was potential anticipated costs over the course of multiple years on litigation that had been initiated, therefore the division believes it can manage the difference in available funds for FY2025. Depending on the outcomes of the cases, the division may need to request additional statehood defense in future years. The division is working on an updated table and will provide that in the coming months.</p>				

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5	Civil Division / Government Services	Add Positions to Increase Service in the Consumer Protection Unit	\$598.7 Stat Desig (Other) 3 PFT Positions Inc	Please provide an update as to the positions that have been filled, their hiring dates and current recruitments still taking place.
<p><b>Agency Response</b></p> <p>Added positions: Investigator 3 (PCN 030441) was filled and started 12/30/2024. Attorney 5 (PCN 030444) was filled 9/30/2024. Paralegal 2 (PCN 030440) was filled 11/11/2024.</p>				
6	Civil Division / Health, Safety & Welfare	Add Full-time Attorney 4 (03-#104) and Paralegal 1 (03-#0105) for Child Protection Fairbanks Cases	Total: \$352.4 \$176.2 Gen Fund (UGF) \$176.2 I/A Rcpts (Other) 2 PFT Positions Inc	Please provide an update as to the positions that have been filled, their hiring dates and current recruitments still taking place.
<p><b>Agency Response</b></p> <p>Added positions: Attorney 4 (PCN 030443) was filled 9/16/2024. Paralegal 2 (PCN 030442) was filled 9/2/2024.</p>				