

The Office of the Attorney General's FY 2010 Citizen Centric Report to Guam's Residents



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Mission

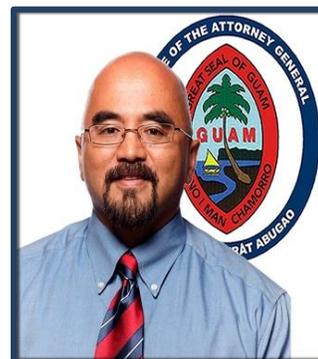
The Office of the Attorney General of Guam seeks to enforce Guam's laws fairly and impartially, and ensure justice and safety for all of its residents, as well as, provide legal advice and representation of the highest quality to the agencies, officers, and employees of the government of Guam.

The duties and responsibilities of the Office include prosecuting adult and juvenile criminal offenders; providing legal advice and guidance to the Governor of Guam, the Guam Legislature, and to over 50 government of Guam agencies, boards and commissions; enforcing the civil laws and government rules and regulations of the Territory, litigating to protect children and elderly from abuse; defending government agencies and officers in court; safeguarding children's rights to receive financial support from non-custodial parents; provide community education outreach; and enforcing the local laws and applicable federal laws for all residents of Guam.

About the Office of the Attorney General of Guam

The Attorney General of Guam is the Chief Legal Officer for the government of Guam under the Organic Act of Guam, the equivalent to a constitution for the United States. The Attorney General is also the Chief Law Enforcement Officer or Public Prosecutor for Guam. The Attorney General of Guam has been an elected position since 2002. The Hon. Leonardo M. Rapadas took office in January 2011, succeeding Alicia G. Limtiaco as the third elected Attorney General of Guam.

The Attorney General proudly leads and manages the largest law firm on Guam. The staffing pattern for the office during FY2010 included a total of 150 employees. The Office of the Attorney General is comprised of five divisions: Administration Division, Prosecution Division, Family-Juvenile Division, Civil Litigation/Solicitors Division and Child Support Enforcement Division. Other functional units within the office also include the Consumer Counsel, Criminal Investigators Section, Notary Public Commission, and task forces or working groups led by the Attorney General regarding Guam Public School Systems Health and Safety Inspection, Gambling Devices, Internet Crimes Against Children, Massage Therapy establishments, Human Trafficking and Sexual Offenders Registration and Notification Act.

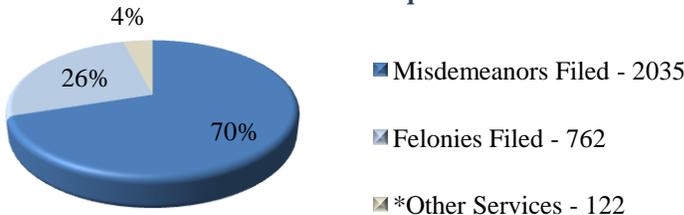


Leonardo M. Rapadas
Attorney General of Guam

Our Performance

Prosecution Division

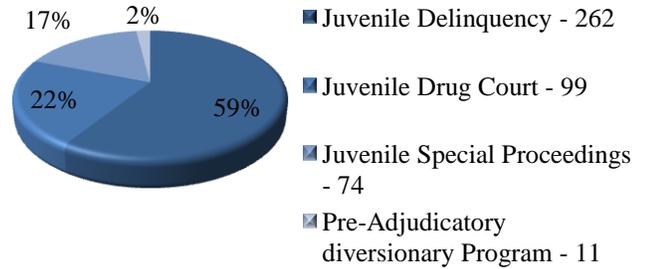
Filed Requests



*Other services: Immigration-44, Employers-28, US Probation-17, US FBI-12, Extradition-9, Superior Court-6, GPD Internal Affairs-3, Dept. of Corrections-3

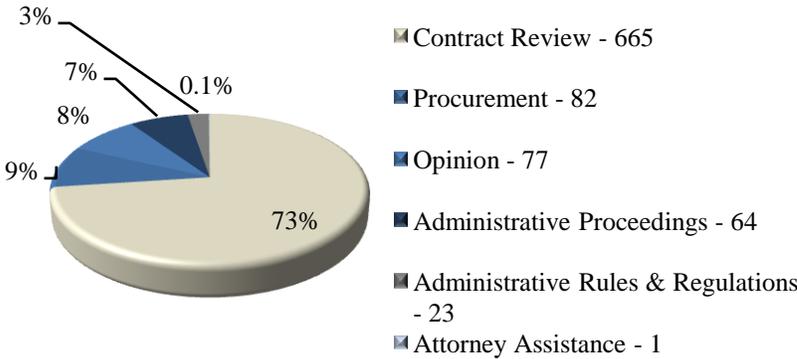
Family/Juvenile Division

Average # of Juvenile Cases Filed

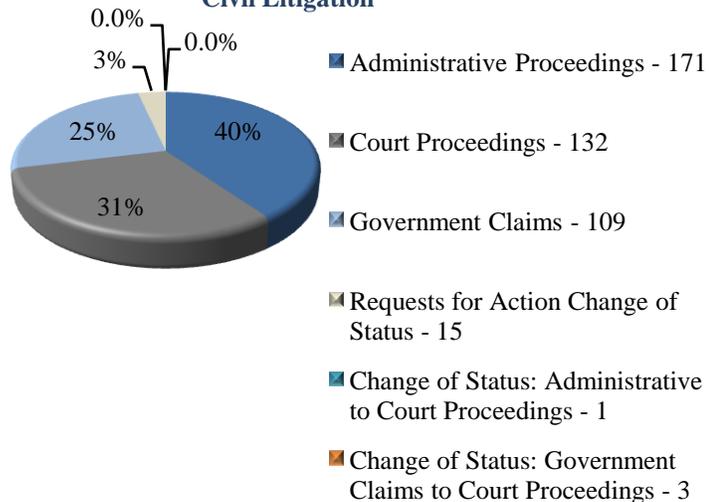


Solicitors & Civil Litigation Division

Solicitor Requests

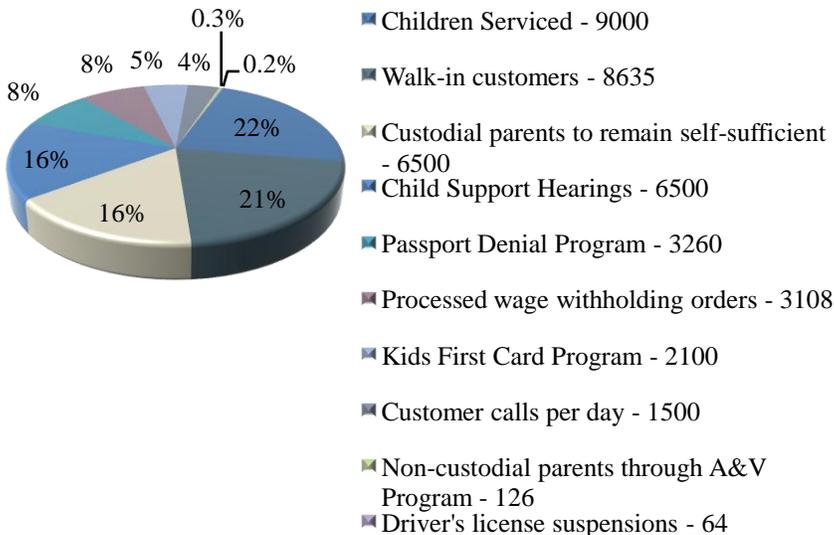


Civil Litigation

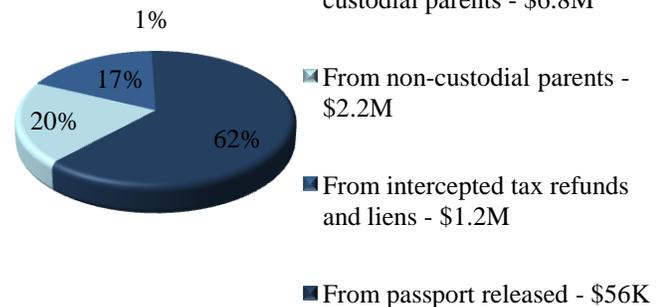


Child Support Enforcement Division

CSED Services & Enforcement Tools



CSED Money Collected



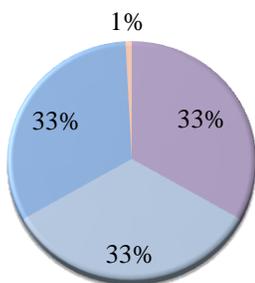
Our Office Budget

The Office of the Attorney General, like other government of Guam agencies, faced many financial difficulties and unanticipated costs for its operations during Fiscal Year 2010. The Office has, however, as in previous years managed to both operate and stay within the fiscal year budget. The Office has instituted and improved the financial oversight of all the operations and related costs and expenditures of its various divisions. This has included providing timely financial information which is available to the public for review on its website at www.guamattorneygeneral.com. The Office has also implemented and enforced cost-cutting measures throughout its operations. Nonetheless, the Office continued to seek alternative sources of funding other than local general fund monies for the recruitment and hiring of much needed attorneys and support staff to meet the high caseload numbers and growing demands for legal services for the various Government of Guam agencies.

Statement of Revenues – Changes in Deficit - Budget & Actual General Fund Year Ended September 30, 2010

General Fund

- Original
- Final
- Actual
- Variance



Original: \$7,089,626
 Final: \$7,089,626
 Actual: \$6,914,318
 Variance: \$175,308

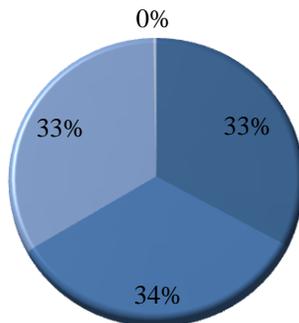
Staffing

Attorneys: 39
 Investigators: 20
 Support Staff: 80

Statement of Revenues – Changes in Deficit - Budget & Actual Federal Funds Year Ended September 30, 2010

Federal Fund

- Original
- Final
- Actual
- Variance



Original: \$4,036,916
 Final: \$4,075,885
 Actual: \$4,075,885
 Variance: \$38,969

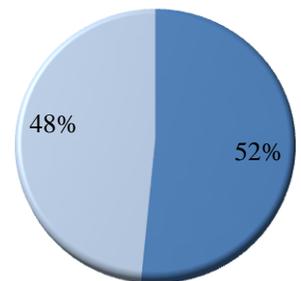
Staffing

Attorneys: 2
 Investigators: 0
 Support Staff: 9

Statement of Expenditures – General Fund (With Comparatives for the year ending September 30, 2009)

General Fund - Expenditure (with Comparatives for the year ended September 30, 2009)

- 2010
- 2009



* An independent audit was conducted, resulting in a clean audit opinion. To see the Annual Audit Report, visit: www.guamopa.org



Future Outlook

Safeguarding Guam's people and its visitors continues to be the highest priority here at the Office of the Attorney General. We continue to work with local, federal and state law enforcement agencies to tirelessly fight crime and keep our community safe. Public safety initiatives we look forward to pursuing further include increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of prosecuting driving under the influence of alcohol and controlled substances cases, drug trafficking cases, domestic or family violence cases and property crime cases.

Unfortunate as it is, crimes such as human trafficking and identity theft have reached our island. We intend on expanding our efforts to prosecute those who have committed these crimes, but also to vigorously prosecute crimes against our children whether it be physically or online. Combating cyber crimes including cyber bullying are additional initiatives that our Office will pursue in collaboration with government law enforcement agencies.

The office readies itself for increased caseloads in all divisions and remains steadfast in hiring and providing more training to our lawyers, prosecutors, investigators and support staff like secretaries and paralegals.

With unpredictable economic times ahead of us, the Office remains dedicated to creatively utilizing the resources that have been allocated to improve our presence in serving the community. This will include our continued fight against public corruption and our increased efforts to enforce compliance of the laws and regulations of the Government of Guam.

Accountability is required at levels of this Office, ensuring that our efforts and work are conducted ethically and professionally on behalf of the citizens and residents of Guam. There will continue to be strength, honor and integrity in the activities of the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the People of Guam.

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