

Department Name	Law
Account(s)	1420

<p>Department Function</p> <p>The Albany County Law Department, under the direction of the County Attorney, provides comprehensive legal services and representation to the County of Albany, including the County Executive, the County Legislature, and all departments, boards, and agencies. The Law Department is responsible for advising county officials on legal matters, drafting and reviewing contracts, representing the County in civil litigation, prosecuting juvenile delinquency matters, handling family court neglect and abuse proceedings, advising and representing the County on property and tax matters, and managing risk and compliance issues.</p> <p>The Department is committed to ensuring that all county actions are legally sound and that the rights of the County and its residents are protected in accordance with local, state, and federal law.</p>

<p>Current Year Highlights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation of a contract management system with the assistance of the County Executive’s Office and the Division of Purchasing. 2. Adjudication of increased number of Family Court matters. 3. Begin the process of digitization and removal of excess paper. 4. Provide counsel to county officials in working with the Albany County Pine Hills Land Authority in the acquisition of the Campus at Saint Rose.

<p>Next Year Projects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital modernization through the implementation of a comprehensive case management system that is interactive, with logistical work flow and cloud-based application. 2. Coordinate with the Director of Operations to develop a new strategy for Risk Management to reduce county liability through adoptions of procedures and preventive legal review and staff training. 3. Reassess resources and create broader flexibility to allow for the shifting of the resources to the specific area that has the greatest need at the moment. 4. Continue to work with Departments on compliance matters to create efficiencies in operations. <p>The FY2026 proposed budget for the Albany County Law Department reflects a strategic investment in legal services that are fundamental to the effective governance and protection of Albany County. By ensuring adequate staffing, maintaining modern tools and systems, and supporting critical programmatic functions, the Department will continue to deliver high-quality legal representation and counsel across all County operations.</p>
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