



# ATTORNEY GENERAL – CONTRACT ATTORNEYS

EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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BUDGET BRIEF

**SUMMARY**

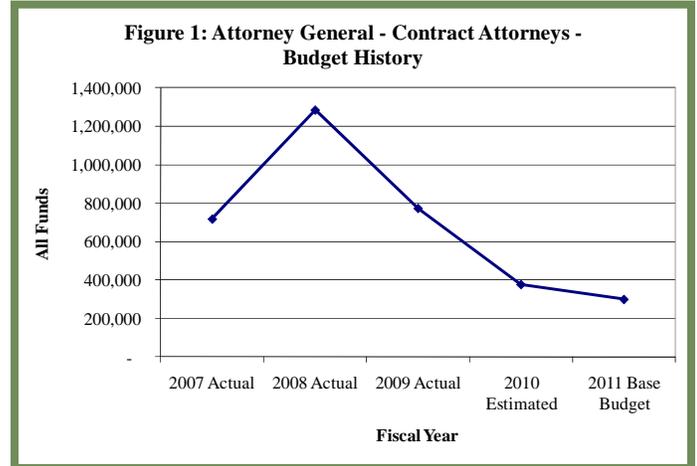
The Contract Attorneys line item tracks costs of outside attorneys and expert witnesses hired by the A.G. in cases where a conflict of interest exists, where the Legislature has specifically requested outside legal representation, or when the requisite legal expertise on specific issues is not available in the A.G. office.

**ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Intent Language*

The Analyst recommends the following intent language to make the AG – Contract Attorneys Line Item’s FY 2010 unexpended appropriations nonlapsing at the end of FY 2010:

*Under section 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Attorney General – Contract Attorneys in Item 8 of Chapter 396 Laws of Utah 2009 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2010.*



**BUDGET DETAIL**

The Contract Attorney line item has only one program. Any General Fund in this line item represents estimates of outside counsel costs for cases of a general statewide nature. Dedicated credits funding represents reimbursements from state agencies that benefit from litigation using outside counsel.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

The Analyst recommends an FY 2011 budget of \$300,000, all from Dedicated Credits.

**BUDGET DETAIL TABLE**

Attorney General - Contract Attorneys						
	FY 2009	FY 2010		FY 2010		FY 2011*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
Dedicated Credits Revenue	772,800	0	300,000	300,000	0	300,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	78,000	78,000	(600)	77,400	(77,400)	0
Closing Nonlapsing	(77,400)	(78,000)	78,000	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$773,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$377,400</b>	<b>\$377,400</b>	<b>(\$77,400)</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Programs</b>						
Contract Attorneys	773,400	0	377,400	377,400	(77,400)	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$773,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$377,400</b>	<b>\$377,400</b>	<b>(\$77,400)</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Current Expense	773,400	0	377,400	377,400	(77,400)	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$773,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$377,400</b>	<b>\$377,400</b>	<b>(\$77,400)</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

\*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.