

State Attorney

Department Director: Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney

OMB Budget Analyst(s): John Ondrovic

Department Purpose

The State Attorney represents the State of Florida in the circuit and county courts and is responsible for conducting criminal prosecutions of all persons charged with violating state, county, and/or local laws and ordinances. The State Attorney reviews charges and complaints to determine whether they warrant prosecution and trial. In addition to court duties, the State Attorney provides legal advice in criminal matters to all law enforcement agencies and works with these agencies to provide in-service training. The County portion of the budget funds Article V related technology requirements.

Budget Summary

General Fund

	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget
Operating Expenses	\$479,460	\$683,454	\$948,760	\$909,290	\$960,490
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$26,576	\$10,250	\$16,000
Grand Total	\$479,460	\$683,454	\$975,336	\$919,540	\$976,490

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FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Budget Drivers

The FY27 budget is a \$57,000 (6.2%) increase due to rising costs of digital evidence and case management programs.

- The Axon digital evidence management system is currently in year three of a ten-year contract with pricing locked in at a 4.0% annual increase.
- Increase in costs for Computer Information & Planning (CIP) is due to transitioning from STACWeb to STAC 3 and its portal services (both are case management systems).

State Attorney does not include FTE funded by Pinellas County.

FY27 Decision Packages

There are no decision packages submitted by the State Attorney.

Budget Summary by Program and Fund

State Attorney-Technology

Technology and communications functions for the State Attorney, as required by Article V of the State Constitution. Funding is partially supported by Court fees.

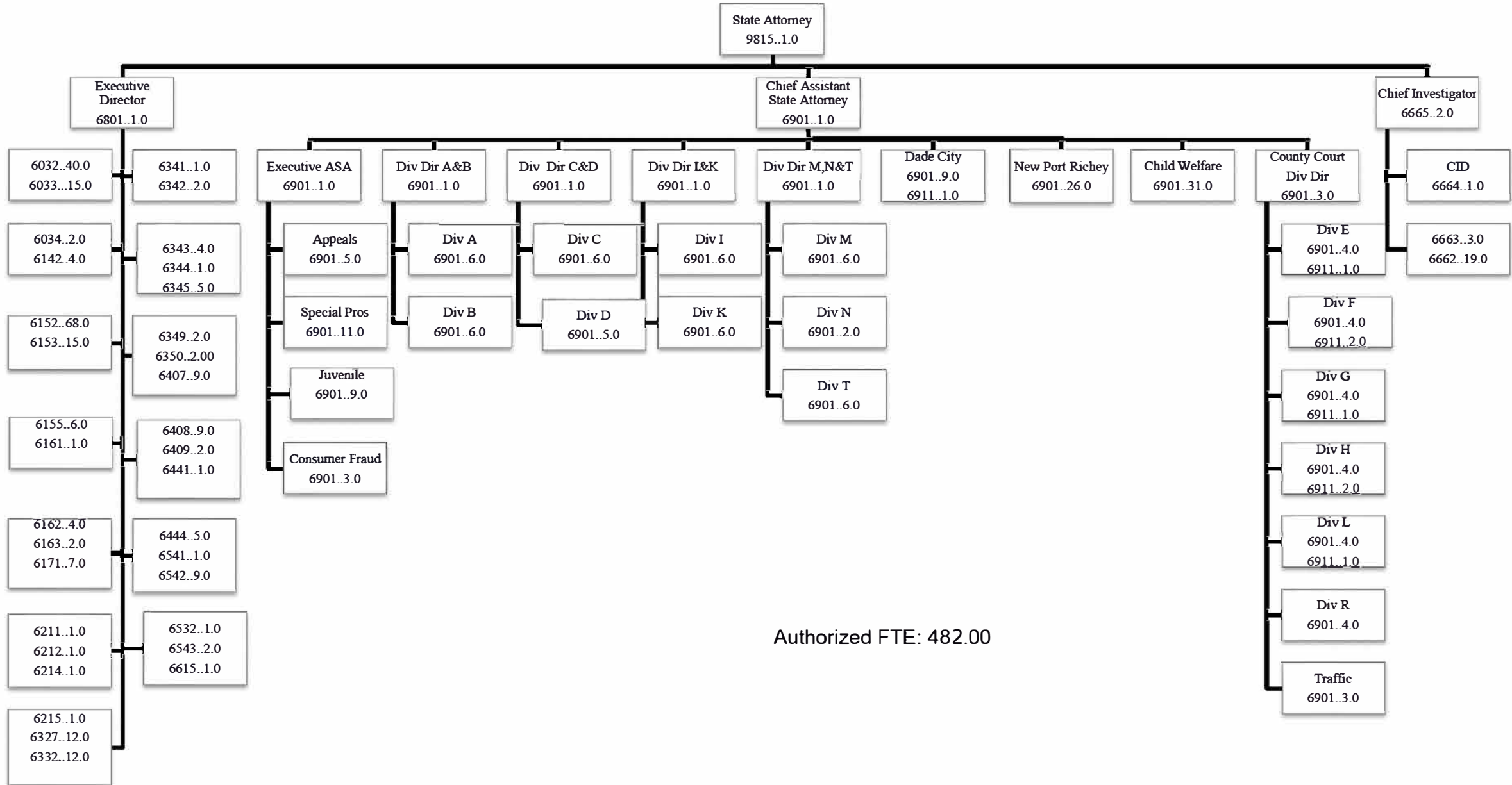
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Attachments:

1. Organizational Chart (pg. 3)
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Schedule X
 Organizational Structure
 Office of the State Attorney - Sixth Judicial
 Circuit Effective July 1, 2025



Authorized FTE: 482.00

State Attorney
 Budget Request by Fund - Expenditures
 General Fund - Fund 0001

Attachment 2

Account	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY23 - FY25 Average	FY26 Budget	FY27 Request	FY27 vs. Average Change	FY27 vs. Average % Change	Budget to Budget Change	Budget to Budget % Change
5340001 - Other Contractual Svcs	0	0	301,213	100,404	279,480	290,660	190,256	189.49%	11,180	4.00%
5410001 - Communication Services	38,505	46,096	49,733	44,778	73,300	74,690	29,912	66.80%	1,390	1.90%
5410006 - Comm Svcs-Repair & Maint	735	174,907	1,625	59,089	10,400	10,400	(48,689)	-82.40%	0	0.00%
5460001 - Repair&Maintenance Svcs	16,971	14,558	19,651	17,060	22,900	20,500	3,440	20.16%	(2,400)	-10.48%
5464000 - Repair&Maint-Equipment	159,120	160,681	186,209	168,670	247,890	463,540	294,870	174.82%	215,650	86.99%
5520001 - Operating Supplies Exp	118,496	89,679	115,122	107,766	214,820	100,700	(7,066)	-6.56%	(114,120)	-53.12%
5520091 - Equipment purchases under \$5,000	3,875	0	152,544	52,140	0	0	(52,140)	-100.00%	0	-
5520098 - PC Purchases under \$5,000	141,758	197,534	122,662	153,985	60,500	0	(153,985)	-100.00%	(60,500)	-100.00%
5640091 - Equipment purchases over \$5,000	0	0	26,576	8,859	10,250	16,000	7,141	80.61%	5,750	56.10%
Expenditures Total	479,460	683,454	975,336		919,540	976,490			56,950	6.2%



OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES

BRUCE BARTLETT
State Attorney

February 24, 2026

TO: Barry Burton, County Administrator, Office of County Administration

THROUGH: Chris Rose, Director, Office of Management & Budget, 14 S. Fort Harrison Avenue,
5th Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756

Subject: Amended Annual Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27)

Our budget request for FY27 is attached in the current amount of \$976,490 based on Article V necessary expenditures. This is a slight 6% increase from last year's budget due to rising costs of our digital evidence and case management programs. However, we are working with our vendor to see if we can get this number even lower. Our FY27 request has been entered into the Qwestica Budget Software along with our FY26 estimates.

In order to come in as low as possible, and per the county's request, we cut any lifecycle replacement equipment scheduled for FY27. Additionally, we are only requesting necessities and not preparatory equipment such as secure hotspots and have run an audit on our equipment usage to lower costs even more.

As stated, the only area where there has been a significant increase in costs is in our digital evidence program, Axon, in which we are in year 3 of a 10-year contract. While the pricing is locked in in order to garner the lowest price and have cost stability, there is a 4% increase each year. Axon is the program by which we receive digital evidence from a majority of law enforcement agencies in the state, such as Body Worn Cameras (BWC) and other video evidence.

Additionally, this year's budget request includes an increase in costs for Computer Information & Planning (CIP), which is our vendor for a number of case management and administrative functions. CIP has transitioned from STACWeb to STAC 3 and its Portal services. This is a significant update and our negotiations with the vendor tell us that there will unlikely be a similar price jump of this magnitude in the future. However, in order to ensure cost stability, we are in discussions with CIP for a locked in price and multi-year contract.

This product is utilized by other State Attorney's Offices across the State of Florida and several Public Defenders Offices. Our office has been using CIP's STAC since October 2021 (FY22) and its case management system tracks cases from the first date of a case-to-case closure, and it generates and stores any and all documents using the leading word processors available. STAC and its Portal services provides for e-discovery, cloud document and evidence sharing, e-filing, e-service, victim/witness automated notification services, case management, video conferencing

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transcription, translation services for seven (7) languages, and other critical functions useful to State Attorneys and Public Defenders. An additional efficiency measure allows customer State Attorney and Public Defender offices in the same circuit to have an instantaneous, efficient process for e-service, e-discovery, and victim/witness services. By using STAC and these services, our office has the intention of going completely paperless by generating court documents, providing for case storage and management, conduct e-discovery, and e-file/e-serve documents through STAC. E-discovery with the Public Defender's Office and the private defense bar will have an immediate positive impact in the local legal community and the courts.

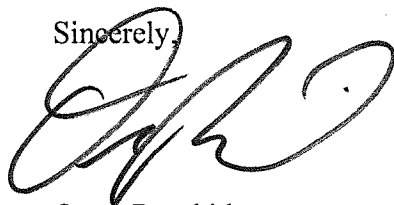
As technology rises, our digital evidence platform needs will only increase. While these costs rise, we are doing everything we can within the office to mitigate these contractual obligations with other cuts in order to deliver a budget request as close to flat as possible. Unfortunately, the 6% increase is a reflection of reliance of programs that are essential to our office's operations.

We understand the lean times our county is facing and want to do our part to not be a cost burden while ensuring we are able to ensure justice for our residents.

We appreciate Pinellas County Commissioners and staff for their time and attention to our requests.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Omar Raschid', written in a cursive style.

Omar Raschid
Executive Director