

## CITY ATTORNEY

The mission of the San José City Attorney's office is to provide excellent legal services, consistent with the highest professional and ethical standards, to the City, with the goal of protecting and advancing their interests in serving the people of San José.

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The City Attorney's Office provides legal counsel and advice, prepares legal documents, and provides legal representation to advocate, defend, and prosecute on behalf of the City of San José and the Successor Agency to the San José Redevelopment Agency.

In 2011-12, operating expenditures for the City Attorney's Office decreased 5 percent, from \$13.3 million to \$12.7 million compared to 2010-11. Compared to five years prior, expenditures decreased 16 percent.

Staffing decreased 11 percent from 80 in 2010-11 to 71 in 2011-12. Compared to five years ago, the number of positions decreased 25 percent from 95 to 71.

The City Attorney's Office handled 1,116 new litigation matters in 2011-12 and prepared or reviewed 5,321 legal transactions, documents or memoranda. Litigation-related collections in 2011-12 totaled about \$10.3 million while general liability payments totaled about \$1.6 million.

### Claims and Lawsuits

