## **Stanislaus County Counsel**

The Office of County Counsel is located at 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6400, Modesto, California 95354.

The Office of County Counsel employs 15 people and has an issued base budget of \$1,961,297 for the year 2006-2007.

The County Counsel mission statement: Legal Excellence: To provide high quality and cost-effective legal services to our clients in a timely manner.

The County Counsel serves as chief legal counsel for the Board of Supervisors, all County offices, departments and commissions. The office is responsible for providing legal advice and written opinions on matters that impact the operation of County government jurisdictions. The County Counsel's Office also represents the County in litigation and preparation of agreements, contracts, resolutions and ordinances for the Board of Supervisors. The office regularly handles personnel matters, election matters, bond issues, adoption matters of dependent children, condemnation proceedings, Public Administrator matters, public guardianship and conservatorship matters, and tax cases, as well as keeping current with all Attorney General Office opinions, case decisions and legislative changes impacting the County.

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