

## **J. PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

#### **MANDATE**

The PAO shall be an independent and autonomous office, but attached to the Department of Justice in accordance with Section 38 (3), Chapter 7 of Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987 for purposes of policy and program coordination. The PAO shall be the principal law office of the Government in extending free legal assistance to indigent persons in criminal, civil, labor, administrative and other quasi-judicial cases

**VISION**

A government agency that is God-centered and dynamic bureaucracy that is responsive to the ever-growing legal needs of the indigents and oppressed led by highly competent, world-class, development-oriented, honest, dedicated and nationalistic leaders and lawyers

**MISSION**

The Public Attorney's Office exists to provide the indigent litigants, the oppressed, marginalized and underprivileged members of the society, free access to courts, judicial and quasi-judicial agencies, by rendering legal services, counselling and assistance in consonance with the Constitutional mandate that free access to courts shall not be denied to any person by reason of poverty in order to ensure the rule of law, truth and social justice as components of the country's sustainable development

**KEY RESULT AREAS**

Just and lasting peace and the rule of law

**SECTOR OUTCOME**

Rule of law

**ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOME**

Accessible legal services to indigents

**New Appropriations, by Program/Project**

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**PROGRAMS**

100000000 General Administration and Support

300000000 Operations

MFO 1: Free Legal Services to Indigent Clients in  
and Other Qualified Persons

Total Programs

**TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS**

**New Appropriations, by Central/Regional Allocation**

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**REGION**

Regional Allocation

National Capital Region (NCR)

Total New Appropriations

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
P 121,342,000 P	5,422,000 P			P 126,764,000
1,608,711,000	86,698,000	3,700,000		1,699,109,000
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1,730,053,000	92,120,000	3,700,000		1,825,873,000
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**Special Provision(s)**

1. **Appropriations for Programs and Specific Activities.** The amounts appropriated herein for the programs of the agency shall be used specifically for the activities in the amounts indicated under the Details of the FY 2014 Budget attached as Annex A (Volume 1) of this Act.

**PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

**KEY STRATEGIES :**

Enhance the Quantity, Quality and Timeliness of Legal Services for the Government and the Public

**MAJOR FINAL OUTPUTS (MFOs) / PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PIs)**

**Targets**

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**MFO 1: FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENT CLIENTS AND OTHER QUALIFIED PERSONS**

Number of cases under management	748,900
Percentage of cases with favorable judgment	60%
Percentage of requests for legal assistance/representation acted upon within three working days from the date of request	90%
Percentage of hearings for which postponement is sought by the PAO legal representative	30%
Number of clients served (non-judicial)	4,643,719
Number of legal advisories provided	1,765,385
Percentage of clients who rated the legal services of PAO as satisfactory or better	80%
Percentage of requests for assistance that are acted upon within two (2) hours	85%