



## Public Attorney's Office

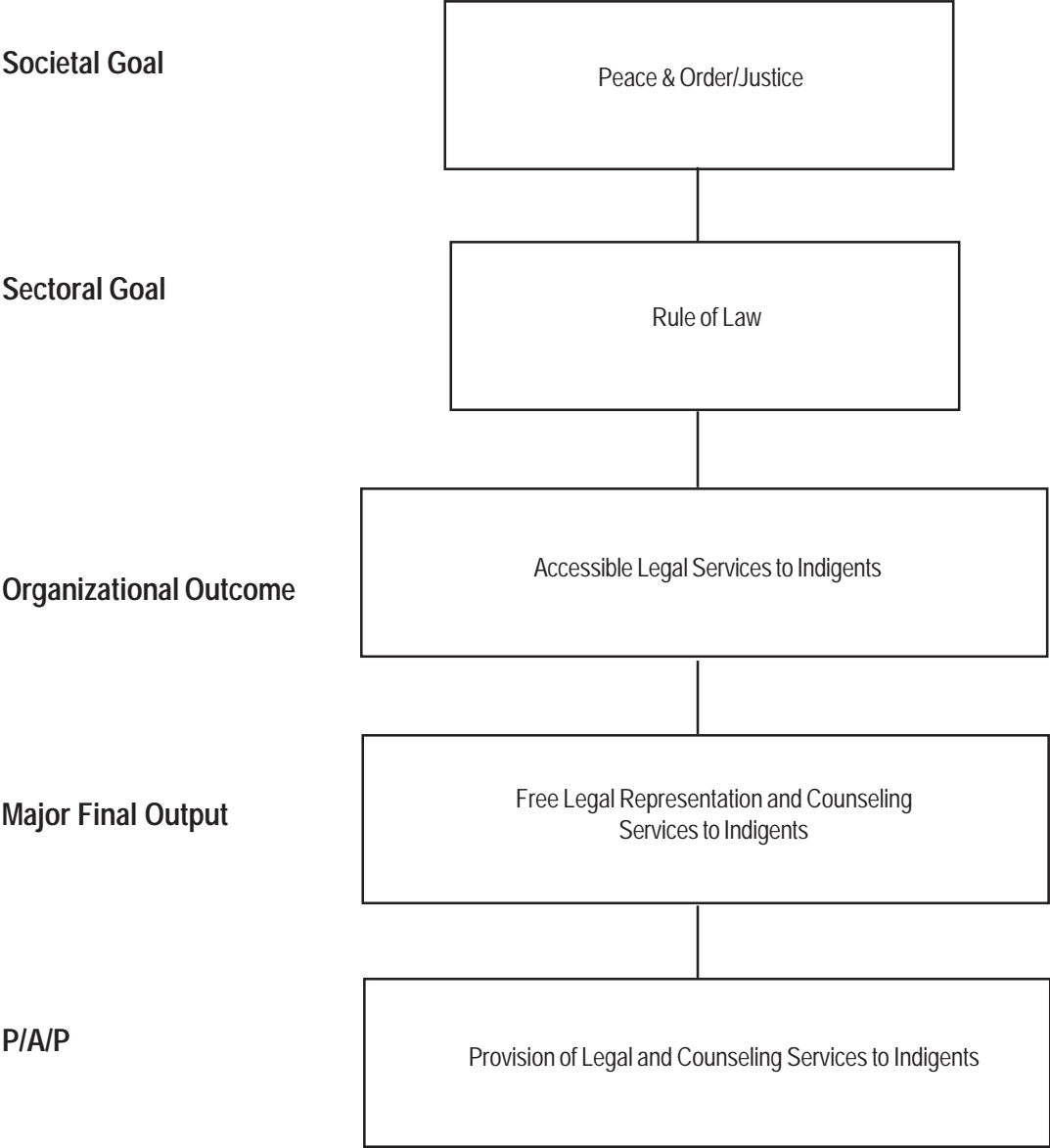
### Legal Basis

- **Republic Act No. 1199** (August 30, 1954) created the Agricultural Tenancy Commission, later renamed Tenancy Mediation Commission (TMC), to provide legal assistance to agricultural tenants.
- **Republic Act No. 3844** (August 8, 1963), the Agricultural Land Reform Code, reconstituted and renamed the TMC to Office of the Agrarian Counsel (OTAC).
- **Presidential Decree No. 1** (September 24, 1972), or the Integrated Reorganization Plan, made possible the shift from strictly agrarian concerns to legal aid with the creation of the Citizen's Legal Assistance Office (CLAO) to represent, free of charge, indigent persons in legal cases.
- **Letter of Implementation No. 4** (October 23, 1972) implemented the provisions of PD 1 on the creation of CLAO, expanding its functions to include civil, administrative, criminal, and labor cases as well.
- **Executive Order No. 292** (July 25, 1987), the Administrative Code of 1987, renamed CLAO to Public Attorney's Office (PAO), an attached agency of the Department of Justice.
- **Republic Act No. 9406** (March 23, 2007), reorganized and strengthened the PAO and amended pertinent provisions of Executive Order No. 292, Administrative Code of 1987.

### Mandate

The Public Attorney's Office (PAO) provides free legal representation, assistance and counselling to indigent persons in all criminal, civil, labor, administrative and other quasi-judicial cases in the interest of justice.

**LOGICAL FRAMEWORK (PAO)**



**PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS**  
(Amounts in Thousand Pesos)

Particulars	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
	Actual / Amount	Target / Amount	Target / Amount
<b>MFO</b>			
Free legal representation and counselling services to indigents	750,825	816,430	875,076
No. of cases handled (Judicial)	486,761	566,439	618,583
No. of cases handled (Quasi-Judicial)	81,652	95,295	104,106
No. of clients served (Instant services)	4,271,575	5,104,710	5,657,156
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>750,825</b>	<b>816,430</b>	<b>875,076</b>

**FY 2010 MFO BUDGET**

By MFO/By Expense Class  
(In thousand pesos)

Particulars	PS	MOOE	CO	TOTAL	% Share
<b>MFO</b>					
Free legal representation and counselling services to indigents	784,462	80,614	10,000	875,076	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>784,462</b>	<b>80,614</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>875,076</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>% Share</b>	<b>89.65%</b>	<b>9.21%</b>	<b>1.14%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

By Expense Class  
(Total Budget = P875,076,000)

