



Public Attorney's Office

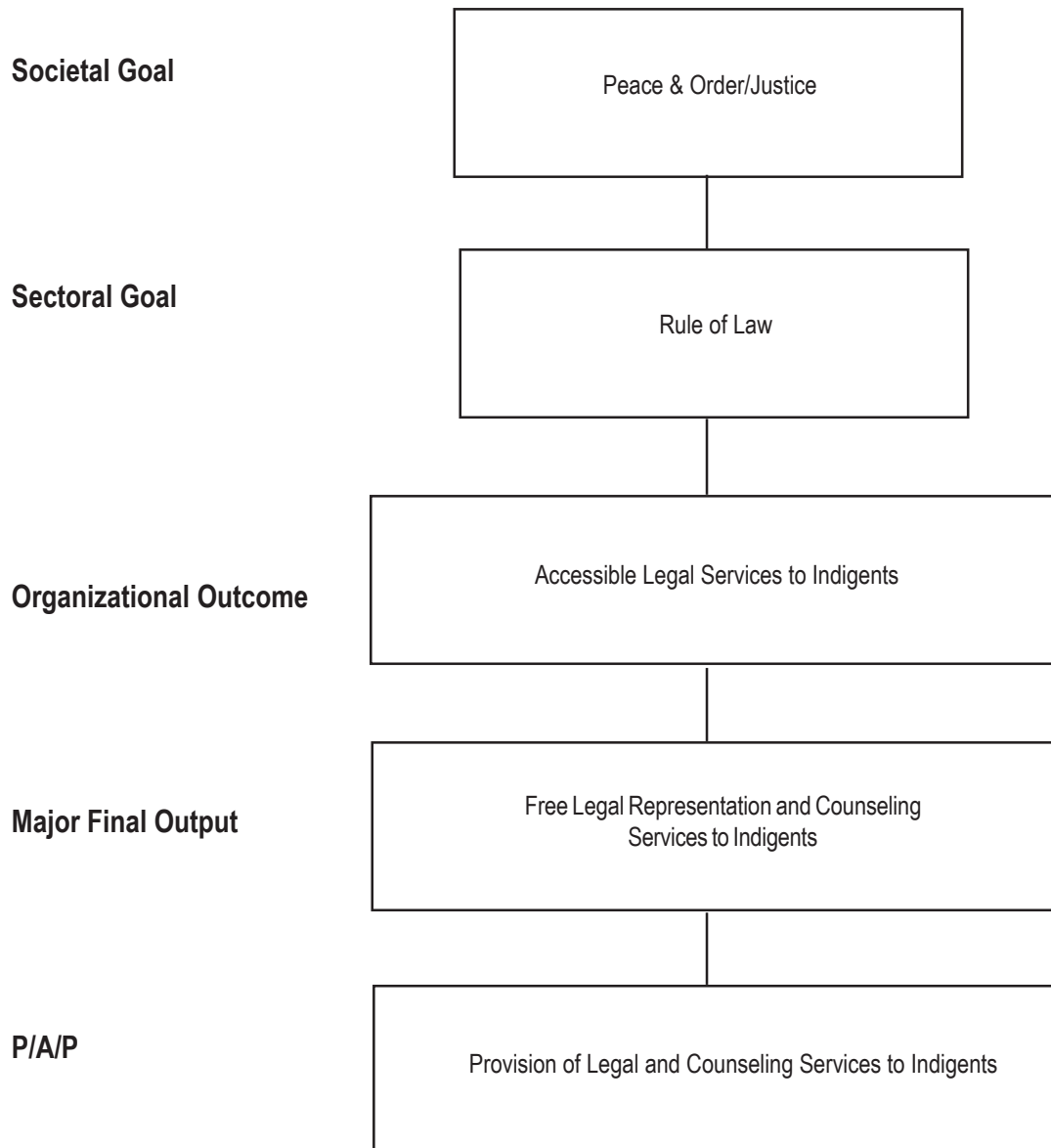
Legal Basis

- **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 TARGET

(Amounts in Thousand Pesos)

Particulars	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	Actual / Amount	Target / Amount	Target / Amount
MFO			
Free legal representation and counselling services to indigents	689,049	767,397	781,776
No. of cases handled (Judicial)	432,843	437,171	441,543
No. of cases handled (Quasi-Judicial)	68,058	68,739	69,426
No. of clients served (Instant services)	3,881,710	3,815,683	3,853,839
TOTAL	689,049	767,397	781,776

FY 2009 MFO BUDGET

By MFO/By Expense Class

(In thousand pesos)

Particulars	PS	MOOE	CO	TOTAL	% Share
MFO					
Free legal representation and counselling services to indigents	706,473	65,303	10,000	781,776	100%
TOTAL	706,473	65,303	10,000	781,776	100%
% Share	90.37%	8.35%	1.28%	100%	

By Expense Class

(Total Budget = P 781,776,000)

