



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PROCEDURAL ORDERS

SOP 2-75

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**2-75 REQUESTS FOR LEGAL OPINIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY /  
DEPARTMENT LEGAL ADVISOR**

**2-75-1 Policy**

Department policy is to provide its employees with a means of obtaining legal opinions regarding police related matters from the City Attorney's office and the Department's Legal Advisor.

**2-75-2 Rules**

[7] A. Formal Requests for Legal Opinions

All requests for legal opinions from the City Attorney's Office or the Department's Legal Advisor will be directed, in writing, through the chain of command.

[7] B. Unofficial Requests for Legal Opinions

Unofficial or informal requests for legal opinions may not be made unless the City Attorney or the Department Legal advisor is acting in an advisory capacity on a task force or committee. If the request ultimately involves rendering a formal opinion, the task force or committee must use the procedures outlined above.

[7] C. Requests for Legal Opinions from the Department Legal Advisor

Employees may request a police related legal opinion from the Department's Legal Advisor, however, all such requests will be submitted through the requesting person's chain of command to the Chief of Police.