

City Attorney Office – added slides 2025 Proposed Executive Budget

Mission: To protect the legal interests of the City of Milwaukee and provide quality, timely, and impartial legal services consistent with the highest professional and ethical standards while successfully meeting clients' needs in accordance with the City Charter and statutory requirements



Racial Equity & Inclusion



The City Attorney's Office is pleased to serve the diverse community of the City of Milwaukee by working to ensure our staff reflects the population and workforce that we serve. We have made strides in this area, and in 2025 we look forward to continuing to support the racial equity and inclusion initiative. It is our goal to hire and train a workforce that is as racially and gender diverse as the city we work in. Beyond our direct hiring practices, we will work to proactively address racially disparate conditions in our own city.

We will continue to work with our community partners at Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin to offer internships for minorities and women, which hopefully will lead to interest in and the pursuit of employment with the City Attorney's office. In addition, in 2025, the City Attorney Office will again participate in the Wisconsin State Bar Association's Diversity Clerkship Program, which places law students of diverse backgrounds in law firms throughout the state.

Beyond the ongoing efforts to ensure our staff reflects the community we serve, the City Attorney's Office is focused on using existing legal tools to improve the quality of life for residents throughout the City.

One priority is re-establishing a robust nuisance abatement team with a focus on enforcing housing quality. Predatory housing practices disproportionately impact low-income neighborhoods and their residents.

Additionally rebuilding community prosecution teams with both our nuisance abatement team and Municipal Court prosecutors will embed our attorneys in neighborhoods throughout the City. This connects our attorneys with residents directly and better informs our enforcement decisions to reflect the needs of our diverse neighborhoods.

Climate & Equity

The City Attorney's Office continues to transition away from a paper heavy practice to a more efficient, digital practice. Beyond our commitment to reduce our own impacts, we work directly with the Department of Administration – Environmental Collaboration Office to help them achieve their initiatives as their counsel.

The City Attorney's Office is committed to using legal tools to advance the climate and equity work. This includes successful intervener petitions against WE Energies utility rate increases, active litigation against a major manufacturer of Polychlorinated Biphenyl chemicals, and a future focus on brownfield remediation and holding contaminated property owners and those responsible for the contamination responsible for the timing remediation.