

# CORPORATION COUNSEL



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Corporation  
Counsel

*As the civil legal advisor for the County Board and its Committees, and the County Administrator and her Departments, the mission of the Corporation Counsel is to provide policy makers and administrators with counsel of the highest caliber with integrity, respect, courtesy, and adherence to professional ethics.*

**36**  
Legislative  
Documents  
Drafted

**12**  
Member Legal  
Team

**48%**  
Fewer Out of  
Home Child  
Placements

The Corporation Counsel serves as a critical liaison between the judicial, legislative, and administrative branches of County government. The office advises and represents the County Board, Administrator, and Department Heads, ensuring that all resolutions, ordinances, and contracts are legally sound and complete. Additionally, the Counsel serves as parliamentarian during County Board meetings and reviews County policies to ensure full compliance with federal and state directives.

In addition, the department provides comprehensive civil legal services, including representation before state and federal agencies such as the Equal Rights Division. The office plays a vital role in community stability by assisting the County Treasurer with tax lien foreclosures and representing the public's interest in sensitive legal matters involving behavioral health, guardianships, and child protective services.

# 2025 Achievements



Partnered with Administration and HR to implement the 2025 County compensation study and policy updates



Provided specialized legal counsel on evolving tax foreclosure laws to protect the County's financial interests



Delivered legal direction to the Board of Adjustment on complex zoning variance requests



## 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

A primary focus in 2025 was the collaboration with Human Resources and the County Administrator to implement the County-wide compensation study and its associated policy changes. The department also continued its specialized work with Child Protective Services, contributing to a significant long-term reduction in the need for out-of-home placements for children.

Legal services were delivered through a collaborative team approach, with specialized attorneys providing guidance to the County Treasurer on tax foreclosures and the Board of Adjustment on variance requests. Other team members focused on Health and Human Services cases, while the Assistant Corporation Counsel managed critical behavioral health, child support, and adult protective services cases.

# 2025 BUDGET

Revenues	\$ 696,477
Expenses	\$ 692,963
Transfers In/Out	-
(Under)/Over Budget	\$ (3,514)

## 2026 LOOK AHEAD

In the coming year, the Corporation Counsel will coordinate with Human Resources to establish a Circuit Court Department. This new entity is designed to facilitate more efficient judicial oversight and involvement within County operations. To support these expanding needs and maintain high-quality legal services for the County Board and department heads, the office also anticipates hiring an additional attorney to join the existing legal team.

