

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The mission of the Sheboygan County District Attorney's Office is to prosecute all crimes occurring within the County on behalf of the State of Wisconsin. The Office also prosecutes non-criminal traffic and ordinance citations for the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department, and the DNR. Additionally, the Office manages a variety of juvenile matters, including delinquencies, truancies, and ordinance or inoculation violations.



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District Attorney

3,915
Cases
Issued

411
Investigative
Warrants
Issued

13,386
Witnesses
Identified

1,384
Victims
Served

The District Attorney's Office is responsible for the efficient, ethical, lawful, and timely prosecution of all case types within its jurisdiction. In fulfilling this role, the Office ensures strict compliance with all evidentiary and procedural mandates established by statute and the United States and Wisconsin Constitutions. Central to its mission is the recognition of and adherence to the "Rights of Victims and Witnesses of Crime" Act (Chapter 950) and Marsy's Law, ensuring that the legal process remains transparent and supportive for those affected by crime.

Additionally, the Office serves as a vital resource for all law enforcement agencies throughout the County by providing essential legal advice and training. This partnership includes the facilitation of critical investigative tools such as search warrants, wire "taps" or "traces," warrants for tracking devices, and records subpoenas. Through these collaborative efforts, the District Attorney's Office maintains the integrity of local investigations and upholds the rule of law across Sheboygan County.

2025 Achievements



Expanded "Breaking the Cycle" trauma-informed intervention



Served 1,300+ victims in compliance with Marsy's Law



Partnered with Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center for expert forensic interviews



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2025, the District Attorney's Office navigated significant personnel transitions, filling several attorney vacancies with recent law school graduates who have shown exceptional dedication to community safety alongside new administrative and victim-witness staff. Professionally, the department saw a notable increase in caseload intensity, issuing 81 more felony cases than in 2024. The Office remained committed to specialized community partnerships, continuing referrals to the Alma Center's trauma-informed "Breaking the Cycle" program to improve domestic violence outcomes. Furthermore, the Office maintained its vital partnership with the Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center, whose forensic interviewers provide essential expertise in obtaining information from child victims, serving as expert witnesses for juries, and providing specialized training to help our attorneys navigate the complexities of cases involving children.

2025 BUDGET

Revenues	\$ 1,100,035
Expenses	\$ 1,031,439
Transfers In/Out	-
(Under)/Over Budget	\$ (68,596)

2026 LOOK AHEAD

Looking toward 2026, the District Attorney's Office is focused on reaching full staffing levels and prioritizing the growth and development of our team. With two new prosecutors joining in early March, the office will be better positioned to manage the County's legal demands while continuing advanced training in areas like digital forensics. Recognizing the heavy emotional toll of prosecutorial work, we are launching a new wellness initiative in 2026, offering every staff member access to professional support to address secondary trauma and workplace stress. By combining this renewed focus on staff health with ongoing team-building and professional development, we aim to build a more resilient Office capable of delivering high-quality justice for Sheboygan County.

