

## **WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Office Location: Detroit

### **ABOUT WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL:**

The Mission of the Department of Corporation Counsel is to provide legal representation, litigation, legal advice and counsel to benefit Wayne County departments, agencies and elected officials, so they can legally fulfill their official duties. Further, the mission of the Human Relations Division is to ensure equal access and opportunity to all businesses that seek to provide goods and services to Wayne County - while fostering inclusion, diversity, integrity and encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit. The Department is comprised of more than 30 attorneys, assigned to the various sections of Corporation Counsel, as set forth in the Major Activities and Descriptions below.

It is the goal of Corporation Counsel to maximize the externs' exposure to the everyday practice of law. To that end, externs can expect to conduct legal research and draft various legal documents. Externs are further encouraged to accompany attorneys and participate in various court appearance, depositions and client meetings.

### **WORK AN EXTERN MAY DO:**

**LITIGATION and LABOR EMPLOYMENT AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** The General Litigation provides attorney consultations, litigation, and legal support services to County Departments and elected officials so they can reduce liability, exposure, and operating costs in the general litigation.

Labor, Employment, Workers' Compensation (LEW) team provides attorney consultations, litigation, and legal support services to County Departments and elected officials so they can reduce liability, exposure, and operating costs in the labor, employment and workers' compensation areas, including litigation and appeals.

### **REAL ESTATE, TAX, PUBLIC SERVICES:**

The Real Estate, and Tax and Public Services team provides legal counsel and representation to Wayne County Departments and elected officials and to provide legal services including timely consultation, document preparation, review, procurement services and representation to support all county development, infrastructure, environmental and tax related activities.

The Real Estate attorneys provide legal advice, negotiate and facilitate the sale and purchase of real property for the County. In addition, these attorneys negotiate leases on behalf of County Departments and elected officials. The Public Service attorneys oversee transactions regarding County infrastructure projects and legal issues regarding environmental concerns of the County.

The Tax attorneys provide legal consultation, representation and procurement services to the County Treasurer and the County's Assessment and Equalization Division, so that local property taxes are collected and property assessments are defended according to the law.

**MUNICIPAL AND HEALTH:**

The Municipal and Health team provides legal advice, contract support services, and legal representation so that County Departments and elected officials can make informed legal decisions about their business needs. In addition, these attorneys provide contract review, interpretation, drafting and negotiating; legal research and written and verbal legal advice; and education of county employees about County policies and laws so that they can be compliant with the legal requirements involved in their respective departments.