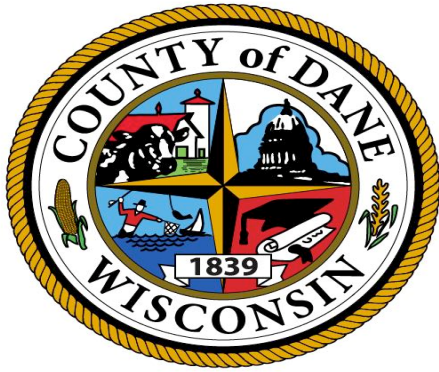




DANE COUNTY

Office of the Corporation Counsel

Office of the Corporation Counsel

- ❖ “Corporation Counsel” is a fancy term for municipal lawyer or in our case “county attorney”
- ❖ Our office consists of three separate divisions:
 - ❖ Civil/General Operations
 - ❖ Permanency Planning
 - ❖ Child Support Agency

Civil/General Operations

- ❖ This unit is responsible for representing the interests of the county, its elected officials, agencies, boards, and commissions in all legal matters. This includes both prosecutorial and defense responsibilities.
- ❖ Services also include providing legal advice/opinions to departments, elected officials, commissions, committees, etc.
- ❖ The unit also prosecutes Dane County Ordinances such as zoning, stormwater, public health and public safety ordinances.

Permanency Planning

- ❖ Attorneys in this unit are statutorily authorized to represent the public interest in the following matters:
 - ❖ Mental Health (MH) Commitments
 - ❖ Juvenile Welfare Cases: Child In Need of Protection Cases and Termination of Parental Rights.
 - ❖ Guardianships

- ❖ Approximate # of Cases
 - ❖ 362 Total Juvenile Welfare Cases
 - ❖ 750 MH & Guardianship Cases

Child Support Agency

- ❖ The Child Support Agency is responsible for running the federally mandated child support program in Dane County.
- ❖ The Agency is responsible for ensuring that children in single-parent households receive a reliable source of private financial and medical support.
- ❖ The mission of Child Support has transformed since 1975. In its early years, the sole focus was on collections. Now, the program also works collaboratively with employment and job ready services for those non-custodial parents who need it.
- ❖ Total Caseload: 27,500

Staffing

- ❖ Civil/Gen Operations

- ❖ 8 Attorneys (including myself)

- ❖ 1 Admin Manager

- ❖ provides departmental budget/administrative support & paralegal support

- ❖ Total: 9 Employees

- ❖ Permanency Planning

- ❖ 8 Attorneys (including legal director)

- ❖ 1 Paralegal Manager

- ❖ 5 Paralegals

- ❖ 1 Clerk I-II

- ❖ Total: 15 Employees

Staffing

- ❖ Child Support Agency
 - ❖ 8 Attorneys (including Legal Director)
 - ❖ 1 Operation Director
 - ❖ 3 Operation Managers
 - ❖ 2 Lead Child Support Investigators
 - ❖ 26 Child Support Investigators
 - ❖ 1 Paralegal
 - ❖ 7 Clerk IVs
 - ❖ 1 Lead Imaging Technician
 - ❖ 7 Clerk IIIs
- ❖ Total: 56 employees

DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL: 80 Employees

Funding

❖ Civil/General Operations

- ❖ 26%: Enterprise Department Funding (Airport & Solid Waste)
 - ❖ \$472,933
- ❖ 74%: General Purpose Revenue
 - ❖ \$1,301,380

❖ Permanency Planning

- ❖ 23%: Federal Reimbursement Funding
 - ❖ \$589,564
- ❖ 77%: General Purpose Revenue

❖ Child Support Agency

- ❖ 75%: Federal Reimbursement/Incentive Funding
 - ❖ \$7,576,777
- ❖ 25%: General Purpose Revenue
 - ❖ \$5,269,112

QUESTIONS?