
County Attorney's
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Annual Report

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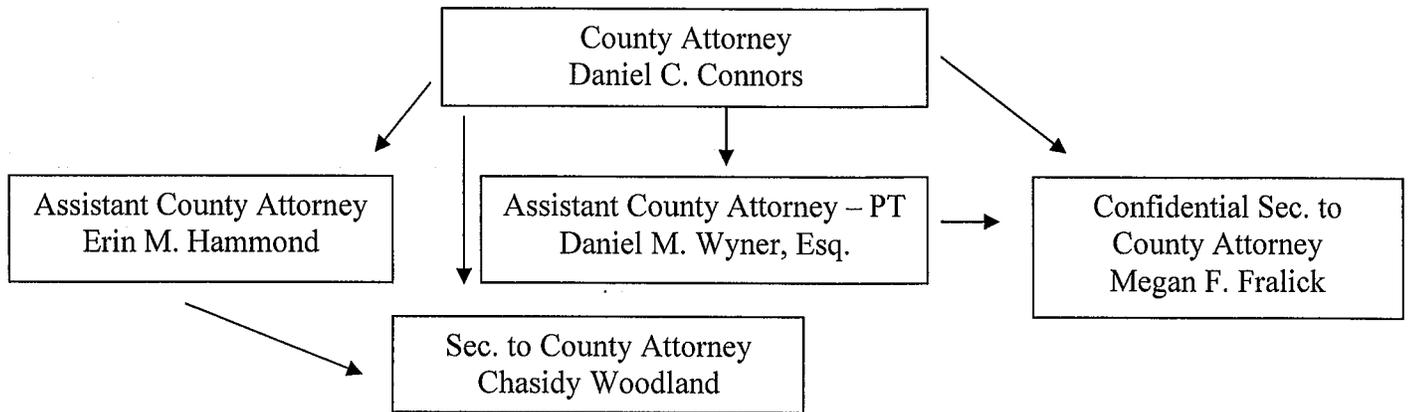
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To The Members of
The Wayne County Board of Supervisors

I submit, for your review, the Annual Report of the Wayne County Attorney's office for the year ending December 31, 2015.

The County Attorney's Office provides legal counsel to the County and its officers, departments and employees in all legal matters involving an official act of civil nature, and prosecutes and defends all civil actions and proceedings brought by or against any of the above named parties. The specific duties involve activities such as preparing local laws and resolutions for the Board of Supervisors; review and/or preparation of contracts; review and/or preparation of contract documents for county public works projects; undertaking all legal matters of the liability and casualty self-insurance fund; acting as the presentment agency in juvenile delinquency and persons in need of supervision proceedings; attending meetings of the Board of Supervisors and committees of the Board; providing day-to-day advice to County departments and the Board of Supervisors concerning varied legal problems and offering legal opinions; providing representation in proceedings before State and Federal administrative agencies; and providing legal advice and representation in employee grievance proceedings, arbitration hearings and participating in the Real Property Tax Foreclosure process. The County Attorney is the legal advisor to the Wayne County Worker's Compensation Self Insurance Plan. The County Attorney acts as liaison between outside counsel and the Wayne County Nursing Home regarding pending collection cases. The County Attorney provides legal counsel to the Wayne County Soil & Water District.

The County Attorney's Office is staffed as follows:



The County Attorney is responsible for reviewing all notices of claim filed against the County, conducting 50-h hearings pursuant to the General Municipal Law and acting as a case manager with outside counsel for all litigated cases. There were 6 claims filed against the County this year.

The County Attorney prepares and/or reviews all County contracts and amendments. In 2015, the Attorney's office prepared and reviewed over 374 contracts and amendments.

The County Attorney tracks insurance compliance by contractors and consultants. This year there were 316 insurance certificates.

The County sold 66 properties at the Real Property Tax Foreclosure sale this year and the County Attorney's office conducted the closings regarding these properties.

The County Attorney's office presently participates in all personnel matters including Grievances, Disciplines, Negotiations, Human Rights matters, Public Employee Relations Board matters, Labor Management meetings and Unemployment Hearings/Appeals. The County Attorney's Office has been involved in 4 disciplinary grievances. The County Attorney's Office further participated in the resolution of 18 disciplinary matters. The County Attorney's office has also been involved in 1 human rights case before the New York State Division of Human Rights during 2015. The County Attorney's Office was also involved in 1 Unemployment Hearing.

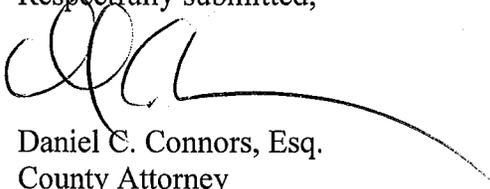
The County Attorney's office is responsible for prosecuting Juvenile Delinquents "JDs" and Persons In Need of Supervision "PINS" in family court. This year there were 55 JDs and 37 PINS.

The County Attorney's office reviews and issues legal opinions regarding all FOIL requests for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. This year the total number of FOIL requests was 253.

The County Attorney's office reviews applications for poor person and/or assigned counsel. This year the total number of applications reviewed was 78.

The County Attorney's Office issues Legal opinions upon request of the County Administrator or Board of Supervisors. This year the total number of Legal opinions issued was 2.

Respectfully submitted,



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