

Scope of Services

MWH public sector attorneys bring decades of experience and a wealth of knowledge to our government and municipal litigation practice. Our team includes seasoned trial attorneys who previously worked with Attorney Generals' offices and have represented numerous governmental entities in federal and state courts.

With decades of experience in the public sector, we understand the necessity to exercise appropriate discretion while handling high-profile matters that affect both the reputation of public sector entities and their varied constituents. Through negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and litigation, our team of attorneys provides comprehensive counsel, knowledgeable advice, and diligent representation. MWH litigators are particularly skilled at handling multi-party issues concerning entities employed or contracted by a municipality. We combine our public sector knowledge with our equally broad private sector experience to offer agreeable solutions to clients. Our public sector attorneys demonstrate unmatched acumen in handling Section 1983 litigation, as well as other local, state, and federal civil rights statute litigation, on behalf of government agencies, correctional systems, and healthcare systems. The team also has extensive experience prosecuting affirmative claims on behalf of governmental entities against third parties who have created and maintained public nuisances that have caused extensive harm and damages.

- **Civil rights defense**
 - Section 1983 litigation
 - Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
 - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - Employment discrimination
- **Public health litigation**
- **Tax disputes**
- **Land use litigation**
 - Zoning and land ordinance disputes
 - New public construction projects
 - Development and redevelopment
- **Contract disputes**
- **Affirmative litigation**
 - Including lawsuit filing, discovery, representation in court, and settlement negotiations
- **Appellate litigation**
- **Regulatory compliance**
- **Litigation involving other governmental agencies or arms**

Recent Representative Matters

- Successfully defended health care provider in connection with multiple Section 1983 claims arising out of County correctional facility.
- Represented major Wisconsin city in connection with Section 1983 claims arising out of alleged wrongful convictions.
- Represented major Wisconsin city in connection with administrative charge of age of discrimination.
- Secured dismissal of EEOC and ERD claims against municipal defendants.
- Representation of Wisconsin school district in connection with Section 1983 claims based upon alleged privacy violations.
- Evaluated claims and helped direct strategy in litigation matters involving claims of excessive force or abuse of office by members of a police department.
- Directed defense efforts and communications related to alleged overpayment of city ambulance fees and claims for reimbursement in a matter involving Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and State's Attorney General.
- Successfully represented a major Wisconsin County in connection with First Amendment retaliation claim under Section 1983.
- Handled claims surrounding state licensure of home daycares, securing favorable outcomes and affirming the state's regulatory diligence.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of prison healthcare provider in connection with Section 1983 claim asserted on behalf of deceased inmate.
- Successfully defended a state healthcare provider against allegations of medical negligence, including cases involving diagnostic errors, hospital policy issues, and laboratory mistakes.
- Represented various state-operated healthcare facilities, including mental health and correctional institutions, in medical negligence claims often intertwined with Section 1983 claims. This included cases such as psychiatric patients escaping and sustaining injuries, requiring careful analysis of medical records and expert opinions.
- Obtained summary judgments on behalf of the State of Iowa in connection with claims of failure to protect inmates of state-run correctional facilities. Claims included sexual assaults, physical altercations, and other injuries caused by interpersonal violence.
- Secured defense verdicts in two medical negligence trials on behalf of the State of Iowa, including a case involving a patient alleging Bell's palsy resulting from a research program and another case concerning a birth injury leading to cerebral palsy.
- Obtained summary judgments for litigation cases stemming from claims of mistreatment, abuse, and death at foster homes and home daycares in the State of Iowa.

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