

GENERAL COUNSEL – PUBLIC SECTOR

Managing attorney who has excelled at leadership and has a proven track record showcasing practical problem solving, strategic thinking, an ability to navigate complex challenges effectively, and obtaining optimal results for his clients. He has demonstrated acumen in advising a wide array of clients' sensitive, high profile, and urgent matters and achieving excellent outcomes in a broad variety of practice areas.

Professional projects and achievements include:

- Point person for Milwaukee County's legal matters relating to the 2020 Democratic National Convention and the 2024 Republican National Convention.
- Lead legal team in successfully obtaining a dismissal of the lawsuit brought against the City of Milwaukee Election Commission following the 2020 Presidential Election.
- Served as primary attorney to the City of Milwaukee's Health Department during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Selected to facilitate trainings on Public Meeting and Open Records for the Wisconsin State Bar Annual Update.
- Successfully obtained a dismissal in favor of Milwaukee County in the matter of *Yehuda Miller v. Milwaukee County Election Commission*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel

Acting Corporation Counsel (March 2024 – Present)

Deputy Corporation Counsel (April 2021 – March 2024)

Assistant Corporation Counsel (April 2018 – October 2020)

- Serve as deputy general counsel for a county with a population of nearly 1 million and a budget of \$1.3 billion.
- Manage an office of 25 professionals including attorneys, paralegals, and administrative staff, including:
 - Managing outside counsel handling matters on behalf of the county.
 - Responsible for the office's operations including litigation, transactional work, personnel issues, and the annual budget.
 - Responsible for special projects such as the RNC, exploring impact litigation opportunities, and supporting the office's internal DEI committee.
- Represent Milwaukee County in a broad variety of litigation matters including civil rights claims, employment matters, breach of contract claims, civil forfeitures, administrative proceedings, and appellate matters.
- Advise the County Executive, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, other elected officials, and senior leaders on a broad variety of issues including but not limited to, separation of powers, parties' respective legal authorities, public records and open meetings, ethics, personnel, benefits, labor relations, pension administration, and assuring compliance with Federal, State, and Local law.
- Draft, negotiate, and review contracts with outside vendors, professional service providers, partners in joint ventures, other government agencies, and public labor unions.
- Research, analyze and draft legal opinions for Milwaukee County's elected officials and constituent departments.
- Implement risk mitigation strategies such as conducting trainings for various departments on legal issues that emphasized reducing liability in areas identified as having elevated/acute risk.

Milwaukee City Attorney's Office

Deputy City Attorney (October 2020 – April 2021)

- Supervised the Employment, Labor, Benefits, and Contracts unit which consisted of 10 attorneys as well as support staff.
- Supervised and monitored outside counsel handling matters on behalf of the city.
- General Counsel to the City of Milwaukee's Employees' Retirement System and a trustee for the City of Milwaukee's Deferred Compensation Plan.
- Lead Attorney advising the City of Milwaukee's Health Department on matters including the coordination of COVID-19 related testing, vaccination, and health order enforcement.

Niebler, Pyzyk, Carrig, Jelenchick & Hanley LLP

Associate Attorney (October 2012 – April 2018)

- Represented clients at a full-service law firm on a wide variety of business matters focusing on general litigation and transactions for business clients of all sizes on day-to-day issues arising in business operations.
- Handled complex commercial litigation and transactions including mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations, and real estate matters.
- Drafted and reviewed a broad variety of legal documents including contracts, leases, corporate governance documents (e.g., bylaws, charters, and operating agreements), powers of attorney, wills, and trusts.

Defender Association of Philadelphia

Assistant Defender (September 2006– September 2012)

- Rotating Supervisor (April 2010– September 2012) Felony Waiver Unit and Municipal Court Unit Senior attorney responsible for supervision and training new attorneys, interns, and students.
- Trial Attorney responsible for all phases of client representation.

The New Jersey Superior Court

Judicial Law Clerk the Honorable Frederick Schuck (Ret.) (September 2005 – September 2006)

EDUCATION

Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, New Jersey

Juris Doctorate May 2005

- Academic Promise Scholar, Pro Bono Award, Hunter Moot Court, Association for Public Interest Law, Black Law Student Association
- Summer Intern, The Delaware Department of Justice (June 2004 – August 2004)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Fellow, The Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project, (May 2003 – May 2004)

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science May 2001

- National Achievement Scholar, Black American Scholar, Black Student Alliance (President), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Member), Worrell House, Study Abroad Program in London

Affiliations

- Governor Evers' Judicial Selection Advisory Committee Member, 2024 - Present
- Milwaukee Public Schools Retirement Plan Committee Member, 2023 – Present
- Public Rights Project, Affirmative Leaders Fellow, 2022 – Present
- Milwaukee Bar Association, 2022 – Present
- State Bar of Wisconsin, Government Lawyers' Division Director / Secretary, 2020 - Present
- Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, 2012 - Present