

# Clerk of Circuit Court

2024 Annual Report to the Milwaukee County  
Board of Supervisors



# Our Mission & Vision Statements

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# Goal 1

## CREATE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ALIGN WITH COUNTY GOALS

- Completed and submitted

### GOALS:

*Increase Staff Morale and Recognition*

*Improve Departmental Collaboration Between  
COCC & Milwaukee County Offices*

*Address Physical Silos within COCC*

*Address Access to Justice Issues In Complex*



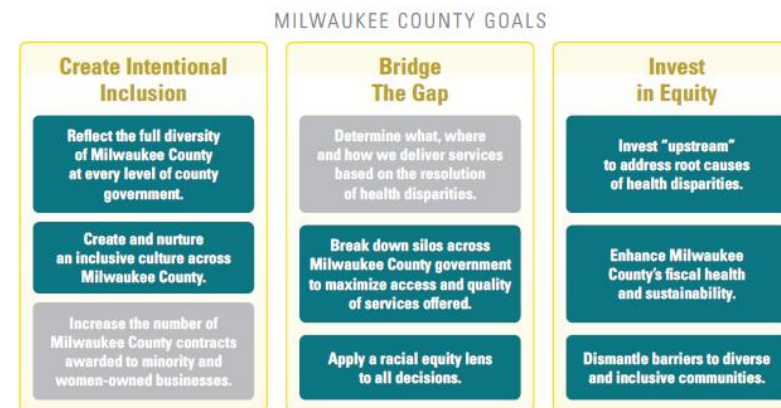
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The Clerk of Circuit Court's values align with those of Milwaukee County:

- **Inclusion:** We actively seek diverse perspectives when making decisions.
- **Influence:** We collectively use our power to positively impact our community.
- **Integrity:** We do the right thing even when no one is looking.

The Clerk of Circuit Court most directly advances the Milwaukee County strategic plan **through the goals highlighted in teal below:**



# Goal 2

## Successfully Move Court Operations to Children's Court during the RNC in July 2024

- 102 Staff Members within Criminal, Civil, IT Services, and Milwaukee Justice Center moved to Children's Court for the week the RNC was in Milwaukee.
- Collaborative efforts between County IT Services, Phone Services, and Facilities.





# Goal 3

## Address Space and Environmental Concerns with Evidence Rooms

- Clerk of Circuit Courts is responsible to maintain evidence in criminal cases for as long as 50 years past the last possible date of appeal.
- Currently, the evidence is in 4 rooms on 3 different floors of the Safety Building. Leaking ceilings, temperature issues, and extremely limited secure space are significant factors.
- ARPA Funds secured to renovate Room 307 in the Courthouse to house evidence and the Criminal Division Team.



# Other highlights from 2024

- **112,149 Cases Opened** in 2024
  - 69,875 Civil Cases
  - 38,871 Criminal Cases
  - 3,403 Children's Court Cases
- **6,658 Client Visits** at the Milwaukee Justice Center
- **32,189 questions answered** by the AmeriCorps Navigator Program Information Desk and **951 people assisted** with filing or Courthouse Navigation



# Looking forward to 2025

- Working on strategic plan goals
- Beginning the renovation to Room 307
- Collaborating with Child Support Services to support innovations in court operations





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