

## Municipal Defense

Pretzel & Stouffer vigorously defends municipalities and public entities in an array of matters, including commercial litigation, personal injury cases, employment disputes, and insurance coverage claims. We also handle numerous complex class actions, such as suits alleging malicious prosecution and civil rights violations arising from law enforcement activities.

Our defense of municipalities and public entities further includes cases ranging from purchasing and procurement issues to slip and fall litigation to employment discrimination matters.

Throughout each case, our attorneys evaluate legal issues constantly and identify creative means to improve our client's position. We litigate from a trial-ready position, conducting depositions as if we were cross-examining our opponent's witnesses at trial while exposing weaknesses and inconsistencies to drive down case value and lower our opponents' expectations.

At the same time, we understand that public entities often need issues resolved quickly and without fanfare, and we have the skills to ensure that best possible outcome. Our attorneys enjoy valued reputations among judges, mediators and fellow attorneys, which often creates additional leverage for a speedy and efficient resolution.

Our dynamic approach to staffing promotes personal and prompt attention to unanticipated developments throughout the life cycle of a case.

We serve local government and public entities, including cities, villages, municipalities, mass transit operators, public housing authorities, schools, law enforcement agencies, park districts, and various public agencies.

Our preeminent municipal defense attorneys put their clients first, making each client a team leader. Our client-first approach not only leads to favorable outcomes but also builds long-standing, impactful relationships with our valued public and municipal clients.