

The mission of the San José City Attorney's Office is to provide excellent legal services, consistent with the highest professional and ethical standards, with the goal of protecting and advancing the City's interests in serving the people of San José.

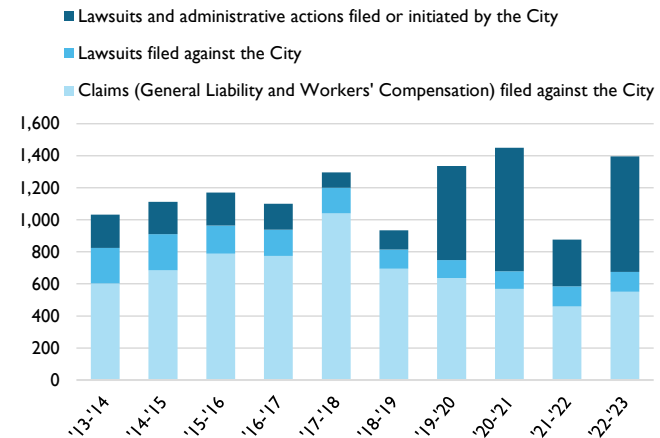
# CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney’s Office provides legal counsel and advice, prepares legal documents, and provides legal representation to advocate, defend, and prosecute on behalf of the City of San José and the Successor Agency to the San José Redevelopment Agency.

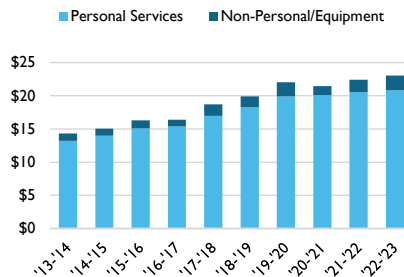
The 2022-23 operating expenditures for the City Attorney’s Office totaled \$23.1 million, which is comprised of personal and non-personal expenditures. In addition, the City Attorney’s Office was responsible for approximately \$3.4 million in general liability claims, a Citywide expense. Authorized staffing totaled 86.5 positions, slightly up from the prior year.

The City Attorney’s Office handled about 1,400 new claims and litigation matters in 2022-23 and prepared or reviewed around 4,400 legal transactions, documents, and memoranda. Lawsuits and administrative actions filed or initiated by the City increased by almost 150 percent from the prior year. The City Attorney’s Office attributes the increase to the termination of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, resulting in increased resident interface with the City and engagement in more activities that could give rise to litigation (e.g., vehicle side shows). Litigation-related collections totaled about \$11.4 million.

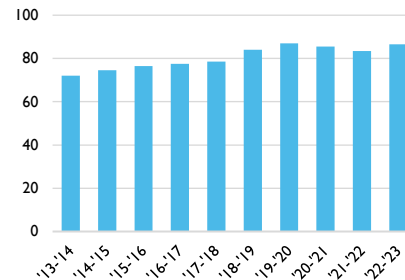
**Claims and Lawsuits**



**City Attorney Operating Expenditures (\$millions)**



**City Attorney Authorized Positions**



**Litigation-Related Collections and General Liability Payments (\$millions)**

