

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

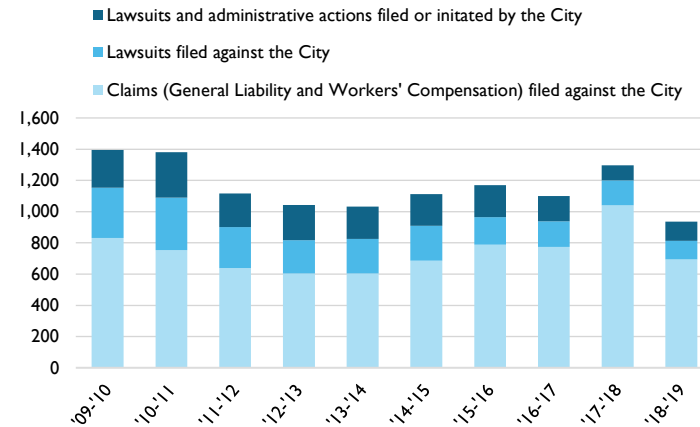
The City Attorney’s Office provides legal counsel and advice, prepares legal documents, and provides legal representation to advocate, defend, and prosecute on behalf of the City of San José and the Successor Agency to the San José Redevelopment Agency.

The 2018-19 operating expenditures for the City Attorney’s Office totaled \$19.9 million, which is comprised of personal and non-personal expenditures. In addition, the City Attorney’s Office was responsible for \$3.9 million in other costs, including the management of \$3.5 million in general liability claims.

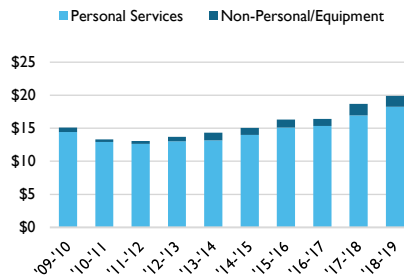
Although staffing increased in recent years, it is still lower compared to a decade ago.

The City Attorney’s Office handled 935 new claims and litigation matters in 2018-19 and prepared or reviewed more than 9,000 legal transactions, documents, and memoranda. In 2018-19, litigation-related collections totaled about \$11.7 million, while general liability payments totaled about \$3.5 million, as noted above.

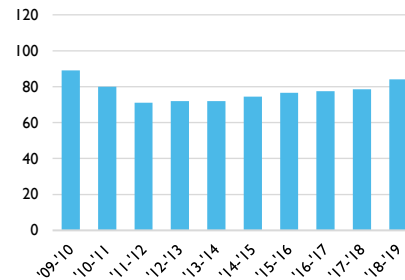
**Claims and Lawsuits**



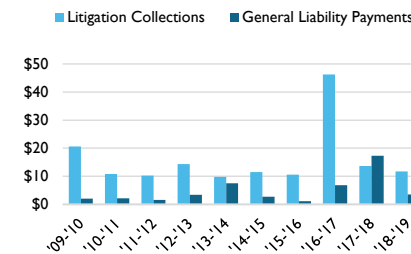
**City Attorney Operating Expenditures (\$millions)**



**City Attorney Authorized Positions**



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



Note: Litigation-related collections spiked in 2016-17 largely due to a Housing Authority settlement.