Wrongful Termination Lawsuits

Fully 36 of the 46 wrongful termination lawsuits settled to date were filed by employees in just six City departments, including the Department of Public Health, MUNI, Police Department, Public Works, Fire Department, and the Human Services Agency.

Wrongful Termination Lawsuits By City Department — January 1, 2007 to March 8, 2017 Sort: Descending Number of Cases

| | City Department | # of Lawsuits | % of Lawsuits | CAO Settlement Amount | | Board of Supervisors Additional Settlement | | City Attorney Time and Expenses | | Total Costs | | % of Total Costs | City Attorney Hours |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Public Health | 11 | 19.3% | \$ | 1,197,093 | \$ | 145,907 | \$ | 1,086,508 | \$ | 2,429,508 | 17.0% | 4,828 |
| 2 | Municipal Transportation Agency | 8 | 14.0% | \$ | 10,500 | | | \$ | 110,578 | \$ | 121,078 | 0.8% | 508 |
| 3 | Police Department | 5 | 8.8% | \$ | 725,000 | | | \$ | 842,634 | \$ | 1,567,634 | 10.9% | 3,436 |
| 4 | Department of Public Works | 4 | 7.0% | | | \$ | 70,000 | \$ | 426,951 | \$ | 496,951 | 3.5% | 1,867 |
| 5 | Fire Department | 4 | 7.0% | \$ | 70,275 | | | \$ | 269,056 | \$ | 339,330 | 2.4% | 1,173 |
| 6 | Human Services Agency | 4 | 7.0% | \$ | 87,000 | \$ | 50,000 | \$ | 104,890 | \$ | 241,890 | 1.7% | 509 |
| 7 | Unknown City Department | 3 | 5.3% | \$ | 17,000 | | | \$ | 121,520 | \$ | 138,520 | 1.0% | 618 |
| 8 | Juvenile Probation Department | 3 | 5.3% | \$ | 2,500 | | | \$ | 113,783 | \$ | 116,283 | 0.8% | 556 |
| 9 | War Memorial | 2 | 3.5% | \$ | 115,000 | | | \$ | 283,112 | \$ | 398,112 | 2.8% | 1,448 |
| 10 | Administrative Services | 2 | 3.5% | \$ | 97,000 | \$ | 8,000 | \$ | 89,431 | \$ | 194,431 | 1.4% | 447 |
| 11 | Recreation and Park Department | 2 | 3.5% | | | | | \$ | 186,186 | \$ | 186,186 | 1.3% | 787 |
| 12 | City Attorney | 1 | 1.8% | \$ | 2,000,000 | \$ 2 | 2,500,000 | \$ | 3,000,000 | \$ | 7,500,000 | 52.4% | |
| 13 | Public Utilities Commission | 1 | 1.8% | \$ | 45,000 | \$ | 164,507 | \$ | 39,092 | \$ | 248,599 | 1.7% | 154 |
| 14 | District Attorney | 1 | 1.8% | \$ | 4,500 | | | \$ | 147,738 | \$ | 152,238 | 1.1% | 28 |
| 15 | Fine Arts Museum | 1 | 1.8% | | | | | \$ | 73,415 | \$ | 73,415 | 0.5% | 297 |
| 16 | City Planning Department | 1 | 1.8% | | | | | \$ | 46,161 | \$ | 46,161 | 0.3% | 202 |
| 17 | Clean Water | 1 | 1.8% | \$ | 24,000 | | | \$ | 13,690 | \$ | 37,690 | 0.3% | 55 |
| 18 | Adult Probation | 1 | 1.8% | \$ | 7,500 | | | \$ | 17,962 | \$ | 25,462 | 0.2% | 75 |
| 19 | Assessor / Recorder | 1 | 1.8% | | | | | \$ | 8,018 | \$ | 8,018 | 0.1% | 40 |
| 20 | Treasurer/Tax Collector | 1 | 1.8% | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total | 57 | : | \$ | 4,402,368 | \$ | 2,938,413 | \$ | 6,980,723 | \$ | 14,321,505 | | 17,027 |

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Source: San Francisco City Attorney's Office and news media reports.

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