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CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF LAW HOSTS OUTSIDE COUNSEL OPEN HOUSE

Local law firms learned how the Department utilizes outside counsel in litigation matters covering a range of practice areas

CHICAGO – The Department of Law (DOL) today hosted an open house for Chicago law firms of any size interested in learning about opportunities to serve the City and the process for outside counsel engagement.

The networking and informational event, held at the Department of Law’s LaSalle Street office, was the first to be offered under the Johnson Administration and provided an opportunity to connect law firms and practice groups that haven’t traditionally done legal work for the City. Representatives from the Department of Law’s transactional and litigation divisions presented information regarding practice areas that source outside counsel services such as constitutional & commercial litigation, employment litigation, federal civil rights, torts, amongst others.

“The success of today’s event opens new pathways to expanding access to legal expertise that may not be readily available within our own litigation teams or in cases when a conflict of interest arises,” said Corporation Counsel Mary Richardson-Lowry. “We were encouraged by the variety of firms showing interest, particularly those that handle complex or specialized legal matters.”



[Pictured from left to right: Margaret Mendenhall Casey, David Holtkamp, John Hendricks, Mary Richardson-Lowry, Julie Morgan, James Mc Donald, Scott Fehlan, Kenneth Robling, and Elizabeth Mannion]

The Department of Law litigates cases across federal, state, and administrative courtrooms and provides legal counsel to over 40 City departments, agencies, and officials, and employs over 280 lawyers.

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