



Civil Rights Defense & Constitutional Litigation

Overview

The attorneys of Archer's Civil Rights Defense & Constitutional Litigation Group have decades of experience defending civil rights claims against state, county and local law enforcement and corrections agencies, as well as school districts, municipalities, authorities, commissions and other government entities. These attorneys have tried hundreds of cases to successful conclusion and have won pretrial dismissals or favorable settlements in hundreds more.

Archer's civil rights attorneys have successfully defended claims alleging wrongful death, excessive force, malicious prosecution, false imprisonment, illegal search and seizure, deliberate indifference, cruel and unusual punishment, and intentional infliction of emotional distress, as well as claims stemming from alleged insufficient police staffing and security. These attorneys have also successfully defended numerous municipal liability claims alleging negligent hiring, and *Monell* claims brought under theories of liability including negligent hiring, failure to train, failure to discipline and lack of remedial measures.

Archer also has extensive experience defending employers against the full gamut of employment discrimination claims before state and federal courts as well as administrative agencies, including race, gender, sex, national origin and age discrimination, along with failure to accommodate disabilities, unlawful discipline and wrongful termination.

Our attorneys also have a wealth of experience in providing legal and counseling services to police and sheriff's departments, child welfare agencies, correctional facilities and other municipal agencies aimed at prudent risk management in order to avoid costly litigation of municipal liability claims. These lawyers assist clients in developing new policies or revising existing ones to meet evolving legal standards, emphasizing proactive risk management. To that end, Archer attorneys regularly conduct training and counseling sessions to educate clients about potential areas of liability and changes in law. We assist clients in pre-litigation case evaluation in order to identify and dispose of significant liability cases as early and as inexpensively as possible.

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