



Division teams worked extensively on this East Lake Sammamish Trail project securing land and access for the 2.2 million residents of King County.

The Civil Division functions as the in-house law firm for King County. The Division provides legal advice to all branches of King County government, including elected and appointed officials and all King County departments, agencies, and offices.

## Sections

- **Contracts**

Provide legal assistance on procurements and administrative contracts, purchase of products and systems, bond and other finance and budget-related matters.

- **Services**

Advise on operational issues and provide in-court legal representation when the actions of county agencies are challenged.

- **Transportation and Real Property**

Advise Metro Transit, agencies that manage the King County International Airport, county roads and bridges, and the county's real-estate portfolio. Work also includes real estate matters, including acquisition, development, leasing and sale of real estate, and the acquisition of conservation easements, open space lands, and trails.

- **Employment**

Advise management about all aspects of employment and labor law, including employee benefits, discipline and performance management, and worker's compensation matters.

- **Land use**

Advise in the areas of planning, permitting, and environmental enforcement. Planning work includes the development of environmental rules and policies, defending legal challenges to county regulations and code violations. Advise regarding county review of private development projects and defend litigation brought by developers and project opponents.

- **Natural resources**

Represent Department of Natural Resources and Parks programs which include the Parks system, regional trails, the Solid Waste system, the regional system for treatment and disposal of wastewater and regional flood control services and land conservation initiatives.

- **Litigation**

Handle lawsuits in both federal and state courts, including appeals. The Litigation Section defends King County, County employees such as bus drivers, sheriff's deputies, or public health nurses and doctors.



Helped Metro develop the popular and innovative on-demand service Via which connects residents in select neighborhoods to public transit.



Negotiate county service contracts



Work with County Council staff reviewing policy.



Advise on issues within the jail.