

CORPORATION COUNSEL OFFICE HISTORY CITY OF ROME, NEW YORK

The Corporation Counsel's office has a rich history of attorneys who have worked for the office, many of whom have continued on with impressive careers in public service, noted below in parentheses. The following is a list of attorneys who have worked for the office from 1879 to the present day. Attorney names and information were compiled from official records of Rome Common Council and Board of Estimate and Contract proceedings, historical books on the City of Rome, newspaper reports and personal recollections. If you are an attorney who worked for the Corporation Counsel's Office and/or have any recommendations for additions or changes to this list, please contact the Corporation Counsel's office at (315) 339-7670.

2016

Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Angela M. Twomey

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Justice P. McHugh (appointed December, 2016)

2015

Corporation Counsel: Timothy A. Benedict

First Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Steven J. Huntzinger (December – May, 2015)

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Angela M. Twomey (appointed June, 2015)

2014

Corporation Counsel: Timothy A. Benedict

First Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Steven J. Huntzinger

2013

Corporation Counsel: Timothy A. Benedict

First Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Steven J. Huntzinger

2012

Corporation Counsel: Timothy A. Benedict

First Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Angela M. Twomey (January – September, 2012)

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Steven J. Huntzinger (appointed September, 2012)

2011

Corporation Counsel: Diane Martin Grande

First Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Angela M. Twomey

2010

Corporation Counsel: Diane Martin Grande
First Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Deana D. Previte (January – July, 2010)
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Angela M. Twomey (appointed July, 2010)

2009

Corporation Counsel: Diane Martin Grande
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Deana D. Previte
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Angela M. Twomey (appointed part-time June, 2009)

2008

Corporation Counsel: Diane Martin Grande
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Deana D. Previte

2007

Corporation Counsel: Diane Martin Grande (appointed 7/30/07)
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Gerard F. Feeney
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Deana D. Previte
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Kara E. Wilson

2006

Corporation Counsels: James S. Rizzo (1/1 – 6/06)
Timothy A. Benedict (Appointed 6/06 – 6/07);
First Assistant Corporation Counsel: Timothy A. Benedict (1/06 – 6/06);
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Joan K. Harris
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Kara E. Wilson (appointed 7/18/06)

2005

Corporation Counsel James S. Rizzo
First Assistant Corporation Counsel Timothy A. Benedict (*President, Young Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association; President, Rome Bar Association*)
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Joan K. Harris

2003 – 2004

Corporation Counsel: James S. Rizzo
First Assistant Corporation Counsel: Timothy A. Benedict
Assistant Corporation Counsels: Kurt D. Parry; Joan K. Harris

2002

Corporation Counsels:
Gregory J. Amoroso (1/1 - 9/13/02); James S. Rizzo (Appointed 9/16/02)
First Assistant Corporation Counsels: James S. Rizzo (1/1 – 9/15/02)
Timothy A. Benedict (Appointed 10/02)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Timothy A. Benedict (1/1 – 10/02); Kurt D. Parry; Joan K. Harris (Appointed 11/02)

2000 – 2001

Corporation Counsel Gregory J. Amoroso (*President, Young Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association*)

First Assistant Corporation Counsel: James S. Rizzo

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Timothy A. Benedict (Appointed 1/00); Kurt D. Parry

1997 - 1999

Corporation Counsel: Gregory J. Amoroso

First Assistant Corporation Counsel: James S. Rizzo

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Kurt D. Parry

1996

Corporation Counsels: Diane M. Martin (1/1 - 7/96)

Gregory J. Amoroso (Appointed 7/96)

First Assistant Corporation Counsels: Gregory J. Amoroso (1/1 – 7/96);

James S. Rizzo (Appointed 7/96)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: James S. Rizzo (Appointed 2/96 – 7/96);

Kurt D. Parry (Appointed 9/96)

1995

Corporation Counsel: Diane M. Martin

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Gregory J. Amoroso; David J. Rapke

1994

Corporation Counsel: Diane M. Martin

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Robert Connolly (1/1 – 4/94); David J. Rapke;

Gregory J. Amoroso (Appointed 5/94)

1993

Corporation Counsel: Diane M. Martin

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Robert Connolly; David J. Rapke

1992

Corporation Counsels: Andrew V. Lalonde (1/1 - 6/92); Diane M. Martin (Appointed 9/92)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Diane M. Martin (1/1 – 8/92); David J. Rapke

1991

Corporation Counsel: Andrew V. Lalonde

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Paul E. Skavina (1/1 – 3/91); Diane M. Martin (Appointed 4/91)

1988 – 1990

Corporation Counsel: Andrew V. Lalonde

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Paul E. Skavina; David J. Rapke

1987

Corporation Counsel: Andrew V. Lalonde

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Barbara E. Mosher; David J. Rapke

1986

Corporation Counsel: Andrew V. Lalonde

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Barbara E. Mosher

1985

Corporation Counsel: George E. Mead, III

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Andrew V. Lalonde

1984

Corporation Counsel: Charles R. Getty, Jr.

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Andrew V. Lalonde; Andrea Tyler Dodge

1983

Corporation Counsel: Charles R. Getty, Jr.

First Assistant Corporation Counsel: George E. Mead, III

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Andrea Tyler Dodge

1981 – 1982

Corporation Counsel Raymond A. Meier (*New York State Senator, Oneida County Executive, Oneida County Legislator, Deputy Onondaga County Attorney*)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Charles R. Getty, Jr.; George E. Mead, III

1980

Corporation Counsel: Raymond A. Meier

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Charles R. Getty, Jr.; George E. Mead, III;

Thomas L. Atkinson

1979

Corporation Counsels: Philip J. Sanzone (1/1 – 2/79);

Frank S. Cook (Appointed 3/1/79) (*Oneida County Family Court Judge*)

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Charles R. Getty, Jr.

1978

Corporation Counsels: Thomas J. Spargo (*former New York State Supreme Court Justice*)

Philip J. Sanzone (Appointed 7/78)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Charles R. Getty, Jr.; Thomas J. Spargo

1977

Corporation Counsel Daniel C. Wilson (*Rome City Court Judge, Oneida County Assistant District Attorney*)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: William J. Bulsiewicz; Frank S. Cook;
Ronald C. Powers

1976

Corporation Counsel David C. Grow (*President, Rome Community Foundation*)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: William J. Bulsiewicz;
Daniel C. Wilson (Appointed 10/3/76)

1975

Corporation Counsel: David C. Grow

Assistant Corporation Counsel: William J. Bulsiewicz

1974

Corporation Counsel: Frank S. Cook

Assistant Corporation Counsel: David C. Grow

1973

Corporation Counsel: Frank S. Cook

**Assistant Corporation Counsels: Ronald J. Powers (*Rome City Court Judge*);
Gerald T. McDonald (10/1 – 12/31/73)**

1970 - 1972

Corporation Counsel: Frank S. Cook

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Ronald J. Powers

1969

Corporation Counsel: Edward J. Tyler

Assistant Corporation Counsels: William R. Stevens (1/1 - 10/69);
Ronald J. Powers (Appointed 10/1969)

1968

Corporation Counsel: Edward J. Tyler

Assistant Corporation Counsel: William R. Stevens

1964 - 1967

Corporation Counsel: Edward J. Tyler

Assistant Corporation Counsels:

John G. Ringrose (*Oneida County Surrogate Court Judge; Past President of State Surrogate Association; Oneida County Legislator*);

Edward A. Wolfe, Jr.

1963

Corporation Counsels:

Richard D. Simons (*Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals; Justice of the New York State Appellate Division, Fourth Department; New York State Supreme Court Justice*);

John W. Grow (*New York State Supreme Court Justice*)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: John G. Ringrose

1961 - 1962

Corporation Counsel: Richard D. Simons

Assistant Corporation Counsel: John W. Grow

1960

Corporation Counsel: Richard D. Simons

Assistant Corporation Counsels: David C. Pendelton, John W. Grow

1959

Corporation Counsel: Joseph Serino (*Rome City Court Judge*)

Assistant Corporation Counsel: David C. Pendelton

1958

Corporation Counsels:

Donald L. Austin (*Rome City Court Judge; first person to hold position of Oneida County Public Defender; Acting City Manager*);

Francis A. Sullivan (**from April 18, 1958**) (*Justice of the Peace*)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Richard D. Simons (to April 1, 1958);

David C. Pendelton (from October 16, 1958); Joseph Serino (from April 21, 1958)

1956 - 1957

Corporation Counsel: Donald L. Austin

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Richard D. Simons

1955

Corporation Counsel: Donald L. Austin

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Edward J. Tyler (to September 1, 1955);

Richard D. Simons (from September 1, 1955)

1954

Corporation Counsel: Donald L. Austin

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Edward J. Tyler

1953

Corporation Counsel: James T. Cross

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Frank Giambona (to April 1, 1953);

Edward J. Tyler (from April 1, 1953)

1952

Corporation Counsel: James T. Cross
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Frank Giambona

1951

Corporation Counsels: James C. O'Shea (1/1 to April 15, 1951) (*Judge of the New York State Court of Claims; New York State Commissioner of General Services; Lt. Commander of the Naval Reserves*);

Robert W. Arthur (from April 15, 1951) (*United States Magistrate Judge*)

Assistant Corporation Counsels: Robert W. Arthur (to April 15, 1951);

Donald L. Austin (from April 15, 1951)

1950

Corporation Counsel: James C. O'Shea
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Robert W. Arthur

1946 - 1949

Corporation Counsel: George W. Black

Assistant Corporation Counsel: James T. Griffin (*Special City Court Judge*)

1944 - 1945

Corporation Counsel: Lawrence T. Cook

Assistant Corporation Counsel: George W. Black

1942 - 1943

Corporation Counsel: W. Cullen Stevens

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Dominick A. Parry (*Assistant District Attorney*)

1940 - 1941

Corporation Counsel: William J. Powers, Jr.

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Dominick J. Parry

1938 - 1939

Corporation Counsel: William J. Powers, Jr.

1937

Corporation Counsel: Michael J. Larkin

1936

Corporation Counsels: James O'Hara (January 1 – March 9, 1936);

Michael J. Larkin (Appointed March 11, 1936) (*New York State Supreme Court Justice*)

1934 - 1935

Corporation Counsel: John P. Gualtieri (*Presiding Justice of the New York State Court of Claims*)

1932 - 1933

Corporation Counsel: Johnson D. McMahon

1928 - 1931

Corporation Counsel: Francis J. Lawler (*Rome City Court Judge*)

1926 - 1927

Corporation Counsel: Johnson D. McMahon

1924 - 1925

Corporation Counsel: Leland N. Wood

1922 - 1923

Corporation Counsel: Johnson D. McMahon

1920 - 1921

Corporation Counsel: Arthur S. Evans

1918 - 1919

Corporation Counsel: Michael J. Larkin

1914 - 1917

City Attorney: Albert J. O'Connor

1912 - 1913

City Attorney: John E. Mason

[Information for 1911 could not be located]

1910

City Attorney: Michael J. Larkin

[Information for 1909 could not be located]

1906 - 1908

City Attorney: Michael J. Larkin

[Information for 1905 could not be located]

1904

City Attorney: Michael J. Larkin

1903

City Attorney: Adelbert F. Sayles

March 1901 – December 1902

City Attorney: Willis W. Byam

March 1900 – March 1901

City Attorney: S.M. Stevens

March 1899 – March 1900

City Attorney: D.F. Searle

March 1897 – March 1898

City Attorney: Andrew Delos Kneeland

March 1896 – March 1897

City Attorney: George R. Cornish

1892 – 1896

City Attorney: Andrew Delos Kneeland

1892

City Attorney: Charles Carmichael

1887 - 1891

City Attorney: **C.H. Dunning** (*Rome Postmaster*)

[Information from 1884 - 1886 could not be located]

1883

City Attorney: **John D. McMahon** (*New York State Deputy Attorney General*)

[Information for 1882 could not be located]

1881

City Attorney: Charles Carmichael

[Information for 1880 could not be located]

1879

City Attorney: C.H. Dunning

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