

# Madison Mayor Rhodes-Conway: Statement on the passing of former City Attorney Michael P. May

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We at the City of Madison are saddened to learn of Mike May's passing. Mike May had a great impact on the Madison community as a lawyer and during his long tenure as City Attorney. Mike was appointed City Attorney by Mayor Cieslewicz in 2004, was reappointed by Mayors Soglin and Rhodes-Conway, and served 16 years until his retirement in May 2020.

His colleagues and the City benefitted from his wise and steady leadership and mentorship. He helped to shape the legal careers and skills of countless attorneys and the principles he championed continue to have an influence on the City Attorney's Office.

Mike staffed over 360 Common Council meetings during his tenure, which equates to a little over one year of his life in Council Chambers, and would regularly mark Halloween by attending meetings in a wizard costume.

Mike brought enthusiasm and love of the law to every task he undertook. After retirement, he continued to share his expertise to support City endeavors, but he was also able to pursue his love of the Badgers and spend more time with family and friends.

We will all miss not only his expertise and energy but also his optimism and humor. Our deep condolences go to his family and friends.