GENERAL COUNSEL

BOT 13.1

Date of Last Update:
January 26, 2026

Approved By:

- Board of Trustees

Responsible Office:
Office of General Counsel

POLICY STATEMENT

The Office of General Counsel is responsible for proactively supporting the University's mission through development of sound legal practices, provision of legal advice and assistance, and assurance that all legal affairs of the university are properly handled through effective risk management. This office shall be the coordinating office for Freedom of Information Act requests.

The President, Vice President and General Counsel, or designee will contract for any legal services that may be necessary in the conduct of the affairs of the University, which includes the President's authority to institute such legal proceedings as may be necessary for the proper conservation of assets or the protection of interests of the University. The coordination of these services will be in one administrative office to ensure maximum efficiency

13.2 Indemnification. It is the policy of Grand Valley State University to support its Board members, offices, faculty, and staff in the reasonable and proper performance of their official duties, and to support students and volunteers when performing services on behalf of or under the direction of the university. Should university personnel become involved in litigation because of such duties, the university will assume their defense, provide legal counsel, and satisfy resulting judgments against them.