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City Attorney Zach Klein's 2025 recap highlights wins to improve public safety, clean up neighborhoods, and take on Donald Trump

COLUMBUS, OH— This week, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein [released a video](#) recapping his office's busy and historic year, highlighted by key wins to protect public safety, get violent criminals off the streets and behind bars, clean up neighborhoods, and numerous lawsuits fighting back against the cruelty and recklessness of the Trump administration.

[Watch City Attorney Zach Klein's 2025 Year in Review video](#)



City Attorney Zach Klein's video message transcript:

“As 2025 ends, let's look back on a busy and historic year. Fighting crime and your safety remained my top priority. We prosecuted thousands of misdemeanor

cases, balancing on the one hand, a tough approach to violent crime, domestic violence abusers and repeat offenders, against on the other, giving those infrequent, nonviolent offenders the help they need to turn their lives around.

“This year, our Property Action Team continued its work to clean up our neighborhoods by taking on problem landlords, going after dangerous businesses, and shutting down drug houses. We signed safety plans with several landlords to improve living conditions, expanded residents’ access to resources and social workers, and worked with a local nonprofit to address safety challenges so they can better serve the vulnerable women in our city who need help.

“We filed proactive litigation to take on pharmacy middlemen that jacked up the price of insulin and cost you, the taxpayers, millions of dollars. We defended our lawsuits to keep local tobacco laws and implement common sense gun regulation. And we secured more than \$11 million in a settlement with major corporations over their production of ‘forever chemicals’ that threaten public health.

“And finally, we were fighting back against Donald Trump. We defended the Affordable Care Act, fought to protect food assistance during the government shutdown, and we saved programs that help the homeless, prevent infectious disease, and protect you and your family’s safety. We made it clear that we’re fully committed to the safety of our immigrant families, friends, and neighbors, and that our Division of Police will continue to focus on public safety and crime, not federal civil immigration enforcement.

“We’ll continue to stand up and do and fight for what’s right and for a government that works for all of us. We accomplished so much this year, but I know there’s a lot more to do. I hope you continue to follow along in our journey as we make Columbus the next great American city. And we’ll do it together.”

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