

# Port of Seattle Ousts GC Over Workplace Complaint – and Gives Him \$500,000 Payout

The Port of Seattle will pay half-a-million dollars to its longtime chief lawyer to leave the agency after investigating a workplace complaint lodged against him, according to *The Seattle Times*.

Craig Watson had been with the Port for 28 years, serving as general counsel for the past 13 years.

The Port commission voted unanimously to fire him and give him \$500,000 as part of a settlement agreement to avoid a potential legal battle over his employment status, reports **Mike Rosenberg**.

The Port's executive director wrote in a memo to commissioners that an investigation had been launched after "a recent internal workplace complaint about Craig Watson." The findings showed "the incident was insufficient to support" the firing, but the executive director and the commissioners "have lost trust and confidence" in Watson's ability carry out his duties and responsibilities, the director wrote.

**Read the *Seattle Times* article.**