MAYOR CLAUZEL CHOOSES LAWYERS OVER PATTERSON

He Allows One Law Firm to Have Unlimited Power to Spend YOUR Tax Dollars

> **"One law firm charges millions of dollars to represent over half of the cities in Stanislaus County. Some residents and former clients have raised questions about potential overcharging, erroneous billing or potential conflict of interest."**
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> *- The Modesto Bee*

Millions to Lawyers. Nothing for Patterson. Failure Starts at the Top.

Sacramento law firm White Brenner LLP provides contract city attorney services to Patterson and has been tied to **budget overspending, backroom meetings** that violate the Brown Act, and **city dysfunction.**

In July 2026, Mayor Clauzel confirmed White Brenner has the power to take ANY legal action on behalf of the city, **with NO limitation and NO oversight.**

Since December 2024, White Brenner has billed Patterson more than $3 million, and legal costs surged to 5x the annual budget last fiscal year.

The result? Experts and a former mayor say **Patterson is being sold expensive, bad legal advice:**

- Patterson was 1 of 15 California cities **denounced by the Governor** for violating state housing laws.
- A Superior Court **judge ruled Patterson's homebuilder fees illegal,** saying its nexus studies were "not designed to ensure transparency."
- **A judge ruled Patterson unlawfully denied a 719-unit housing development,** exposing the city to millions in penalties.
- Rather than fixing these losses, White Brenner is appealing and **running up Patterson's bill even higher.**



All four of Clauzel's fellow City Council members want him out of the mayor's office.

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