

Mayor may not be only lawyer under scrutiny

City, others review lawsuit, settlement

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Nearly a dozen Detroit-area lawyers, including Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, ultimately could be under scrutiny by at least one of four different agencies for their conduct in the police whistle-blower lawsuit, its settlement and the subsequent text message brouhaha, legal experts said.



Kilpatrick

Those lawyers include the City Law Department and other city-employed lawyers connected with the lawsuit and a Freedom of Information case that followed, as well as outside attorneys for Kilpatrick and the city, and even the lawyer who won the \$8.4 million settlement for

the fired police officers.

Investigations into conduct by the mayor, former Chief of Staff Christine Beatty and others relative to the lawsuit and settlement are being conducted by the **Detroit City Council** and the **Detroit Board of Ethics**.

Kilpatrick and Beatty also are under investigation by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's staff for possible charges of perjury, a felony that carries a 15-year maximum prison term.

Two other possible charges against those under investigation could be obstruction of justice and misconduct by a public official, both five-year felonies. Worthy said findings of the investigation should be announced within the next 10 days.

And many of the lawyers involved in the case

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