



WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OLYMPIA

A challenging opportunity exists in the Social and Health Services Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office in Olympia.

Agency Profile

The Attorney General, an elected official, serves clients in more than 230 state agencies, boards and commissions, colleges and universities, as well as the Legislature and the Governor. Our mission is to deliver to officials, agencies and citizens of Washington State the highest quality professional legal services. We also serve the public through our Consumer Protection and Antitrust Divisions and our Public Counsel Section. The Attorney General's Office employs approximately 550 attorneys and 600 support staff.

The Position

The Social and Health Olympia Division has an opening for an attorney with at least two years of experience. The position is a plaintiff's practice and focuses on pursuing monies owed to the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), ensuring social service dollars are available for those most in need. The position is located in the section which represents the DSHS Economic Services Administration, which includes the public assistance programs, Division of Child Support, and Office of Financial Recovery. The section also defends DSHS in public record lawsuits and represents the business functions in DSHS such as the Central Contracts Office and the Lands and Buildings Division. The position will have a mix of litigation and legal advice, but the main focus will be on providing representation to the DSHS Office of Financial Recovery in pursuit of Medicaid estate recovery, public assistance overpayments, vendor overpayments, and some other financial recovery programs. Related litigation occurs primarily in state court, including participation in probates, but also in bankruptcy court. The Division handles a range of major social service program lawsuits, typically class actions, and there is also the opportunity to become involved in the work of the teams handling those major cases.

Compensation

Salary is dependent upon experience and commensurate with comparable positions in the Attorney General's Office. A standard state benefits package is offered which includes a choice of medical/dental insurance plans, retirement, life and basic long-term disability insurance.

Desired Qualifications

The successful candidate will have at least two years of legal experience and a clearly demonstrated interest in public service law and issues. If you are an energetic attorney who wants a challenging and rewarding position protecting state assets in an extremely collaborative and collegial work environment, this would be an excellent fit for you. The position requires analytical thinking, excellent time management skills, the ability to juggle competing priorities, and the interpersonal skills to work well with a variety of people. Strong negotiation skills are a plus. This is a great opportunity to do interesting and meaningful work in a supportive, team-oriented environment. Applicants must be members, in good standing, of the Washington State Bar Association.

Application Process

Interested applicants must submit a letter of interest, a completed application form, a current resume and law school transcript to Linda Nakamura at linda.nakamura@atg.wa.gov. Applications can be obtained at <http://www.atg.wa.gov/Careers/AttorneysClerks.aspx> or by contacting Linda. For information about the position, please contact Rochelle Tillett at 360-586-6557 or RochelleT@atg.wa.gov. The deadline for receipt of all application material is **5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2015**. *(If you are a current member of the AGO's attorney hiring pool and wish to be considered for this position, submit a letter of interest to Linda by the deadline date.)*

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