



WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION'S COMPLEX LITIGATION SECTION, 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

This Assistant Attorney General position is in the Social and Health Service Division's Complex Litigation Section and reports to the Complex Litigation Section Chief. The two primary clients of the division are the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Health Care Authority (HCA). Attorneys in this section provide litigation support to all of the division's other sections. As a result, the litigation may relate to any of the programs administered by DSHS or HCA, including health care and foster care for children, in-home care for adults, Medicaid reimbursement to providers including hospitals and nursing homes, services for the mentally ill, programs for the developmentally disabled, health care benefits for public employees, and many others. The cases are often class actions and typically involve significant policy and funding issues, such as the adequacy of funding to comply with the mandates of federal and state law. In recent years, some of this litigation has involved injunctive relief against specific social service program cuts. Litigation primarily occurs in federal district courts, federal appellate courts, state superior courts, and state appellate courts. Given the policy and state budget impact of many of the cases, there is the opportunity to interact with legislative representatives and high level officials in DSHS, HCA, the Office of Financial Management, and the Governor's Office.

The position offers the opportunity to actively litigate as well as to provide mentoring to a group of very talented attorneys with a wide range of experience levels. Depending upon the needs of any given case, the attorney may serve as a lead counsel, may serve as second chair in order to mentor other newer attorneys, or may just consult as needed with the assigned attorneys.

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

Key skill sets for this position include the ability to: develop, on a case by case basis, overarching litigation strategies; assist in organizing litigation teams from within Division resources; oversee all components of litigation including motion practice, discovery, trial preparation, mediation and negotiations, and trial; develop excellent client relationships to support litigation; maintain excellent communications within the division and the AGO and with clients. Although significant litigation experience is ideal for the position, experience in a number of relevant areas will also be considered. Experience representing government clients is highly desirable. 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, writing sample and law school transcript to Linda Nakamura by e-mail (linda.nakamura@atg.wa.gov), fax (206-389-2058) or mail (800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188.) Applications can be obtained by contacting Linda (206-464-6446), or by downloading the form at <http://www.atg.wa.gov/Careers/AttorneysClerks.aspx> For information about the position, contact Division Chief Rochelle Tillett at (360) 586-6557 or Section Chief John McIlhenny at (360) 586-5379 The deadline for receipt of all application material is **5:00 p.m. on February 20, 2015**. *(If you are a current member of the AGO's attorney hiring pool and wish to be considered for this position, please supplement your file by providing Linda with a specific letter of interest in this position and a writing sample by the deadline date.)*

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