

# Chief Litigation Counsel

**Salary**

Depends on Qualifications

**Location**

King County - Seattle - Downtown Business, WA

**Job Type**

Exempt

**Department**

Attorney General's Office

**Job Number**

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**Description**

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The Attorney General is the chief legal officer for the state of Washington, and the Attorney General's Office serves more than 230 state agencies, boards, commissions, colleges and universities, as well as the Legislature and the Governor. In furtherance of its mission to deliver the highest quality professional legal services to officials, agencies, and people of the state of Washington, the AGO covers a remarkably diverse legal landscape, including social and health services, consumer protection, civil and administrative litigation, environmental law, torts, tribal law, labor law, appellate practice and criminal prosecution.

The agency is highly respected for the quality of its legal work and the professionalism and ethical standards of its staff and leadership. The AGO's dedicated team members of 500 attorneys and 700 professional staff often cite the AGO's broad mandate, offering challenging, diverse work in the public interest, as reasons to join the office -- and opportunities for professional growth, along with a collegial atmosphere, as reasons to stay. The AGO greatly encourages, celebrates and values diversity, appreciating that a workforce composed of those from different backgrounds and experiences creates an inclusive environment, strengthens positive relationships with the local community and brings new perspectives and

approaches to fulfill its mission of providing excellent, independent and ethical legal services to the State of Washington and protect the rights of its people.

For more information about the AGO, we encourage you to review the Office's newest Annual Report which can be found [HERE](#) and view [THIS VIDEO](#).

## Duties

The Washington State Attorney General's Office's **Antitrust Division** is seeking to hire an Assistant Attorney General to serve as **Chief Litigation Counsel**.

The Antitrust Division investigates violations of state and federal antitrust laws, and brings enforcement actions for injunctive and monetary relief on behalf of consumers and the State of Washington in federal and state court. The Antitrust Division conducts investigations and litigates cases alone and in conjunction with other state and federal antitrust enforcers. The Division also engages in competition advocacy and provides advice and training to state agencies and external stakeholders on competition-related matters. Representative cases handled by the Division include a [\\$63 million lawsuit against LCD manufacturers](#), [a lawsuit against CHI-Franciscan](#), and a [lawsuit against manufacturers of generic drugs](#).

Applicants for the position of Chief Litigation Counsel must have at least 8 years of civil litigation experience or at least 6 years of antitrust litigation experience. This experience must encompass all aspects of civil litigation including discovery (e.g., familiarity with ESI discovery protocols and practice, depositions, motions practice), pre-trial motions practice (e.g., motions to dismiss and for summary judgment), and trial.

The attorney hired will work with other members of the Division on all investigations that appear likely to result in litigation, as well as all matters in active litigation. Candidates must be highly motivated with a strong desire to move cases forward quickly without the need for constant oversight or direction, and must be comfortable arguing cutting-edge legal theories and taking risks with uncertain outcomes. Antitrust experience, while a plus, is not a requirement.

The attorney hired into this position will be an integral member of a small but highly collegial and dedicated team of attorneys and professionals. The work of the division is incredibly important to the mission of the AGO and makes a real and tangible difference to the people of Washington State.

The position is located in downtown Seattle, and occasional in-state and out-of-state travel may be required.

## Qualifications

Qualified candidates **must** have:

- 8 or more years actively litigating civil cases in state and federal courts of general jurisdiction, including discovery, motions practice under Rules 12 and

56, and trying cases to a verdict, **OR** at least 6 years of antitrust litigation experience;

- Excellent judgment;
- The ability to multitask and manage a robust caseload;
- Superior interpersonal, communication, and analytical skills;
- Exceptional ability to advance legal arguments by writing persuasively, concisely and respectfully;
- A demonstrated ability to coordinate and manage issues of a diverse and complex legal nature; and
- The demonstrated ability to facilitate issue resolution in a highly visible environment.

Experience handling Antitrust cases is a plus, but it is not a requirement.

Applicants must have graduated from a law school accredited by the ABA or completed the WSBA's Rule 6 Law Clerk Program and be licensed to practice law in Washington state. The AGO seeks applicants who are committed to public service as demonstrated by an applicant's background, talents, attitude, and enthusiasm for public law practice. The AGO greatly encourages, celebrates and values diversity, appreciating that a workforce composed of those from different backgrounds and experiences creates an inclusive environment, strengthens positive relationships with the local community and brings new perspectives and approaches to fulfill its mission of providing excellent, independent and ethical legal services to the State of Washington and protect the rights of its people.

### **Supplemental Information**

AGO salaries are based on experience, qualifications and are commensurate with comparable positions in the AGO. A competitive state benefits package is also offered which includes a choice of medical/dental insurance plans, retirement, life and basic long-term disability insurance. In addition, there are non-financial benefits that include working in a collaborative and supportive work environment where professional development and work-life balance are highly valued.

Interested applicants must apply by hitting the "apply" button above. In addition to the on-line application, one must upload, via the system:

- A letter of interest;
- Resume;
- Law school transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable); and
- Writing sample.

If you have questions about this position and/or wish to learn more about it before applying, we encourage and welcome you to contact Division Chief Jonathan Mark at [Jonathanm2@atq.wa.gov](mailto:Jonathanm2@atq.wa.gov). The deadline for receipt of all application material is October 8, 2017.

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