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Special Assistant Attorney General - Law Fellow

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DESCRIPTION:

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The Attorney General's Office (AGO) is the chief legal officer for the state of Washington, serving 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 citizens of the state of Washington, the AGO covers a remarkably diverse legal landscape, including 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 of approximately 1200 staff, just over 600 of whom are attorneys, 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.

DUTIES:

The Counsel for Environmental Protection unit of the Attorney General's Office seeks an attorney for a two-year position as a Law Fellow, supported by New York University School of Law's State Energy & Environmental Impact Center. The Law Fellow will serve as a Special Assistant Attorney General, working with the other attorneys in the Counsel for Environmental Protection unit on clean energy, climate change, and environmental matters of regional and national importance.

The Law Fellow will initiate and lead civil environmental litigation brought under the Attorney General's independent authority. The Law Fellow will handle or assist in some or all phases of civil environmental protection cases before Washington trial and appellate courts, federal trial and appellate courts, and administrative tribunals. This work will include cases arising under state or Federal law, and may relate to a wide range of environmental topics, such as water and air quality, habitat protection, toxic chemicals, climate change, worker safety, fraud, and profiteering related to environmental crimes. We collaborate closely with other divisions in the Attorney General's Office, law enforcement agencies, environmental and natural resource agencies at the Federal, state, and local level, and community stakeholders.

Our unit is located in Seattle, and consists of four attorneys, a senior investigator, and a professional staff member. We are committed to high-quality work and value collaboration, diversity, creativity, and collegiality.

The Law Fellow will be employed by NYU School of Law, but will be appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General, and work under the direction of the Attorney General's Office. Applicants need not be graduates of NYU School of Law to be eligible. For more information on the NYU School of Law's State Energy & Environmental Impact Center and the Law Fellow program, visit <http://www.law.nyu.edu/centers/state-impact>

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required qualifications for this position include:

- Applicants must be duly licensed, authorized, and eligible to practice as an attorney under the laws of a state or the District of Columbia. Active bar membership is required.
- Five to 10 years of experience in clean energy, climate change, and environmental issues, with preference for relevant experience in legal or policy issues of regional or national importance, such as those matters that cross jurisdictional boundaries or raise legal questions or conflicts that have nationwide applicability.
- Litigation and/or regulatory experience, with preference for experience working in state or federal government.
- Ability to work with partner organizations and to help build coalitions.
- Excellent writing, editing, research, and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to work well and with enthusiasm within a team in a fast-paced environment.
- Exceptional organizational skills and ability to proactively manage many simultaneous issues, multitask, and prioritize.
- Demonstrated interest in public service.
- Eligibility to work in the United States.

Highly desirable qualifications for this position include:

- High level of cultural competence and willingness and ability to contribute to the AGO's respectful and diverse workforce.
- Experience in a full range of written and oral discovery, writing and arguing dispositive motions, and presentation in court.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Because the person selected will be an employee of the New York University School of Law, and not an employee of the Washington State Attorney General's Office, the selection and appointment will be subject to approval by the NYU School of Law.

The Law Fellow will be compensated by the New York University School of Law at a level commensurate with AGO salaries, which are based on experience, qualifications and are commensurate with comparable positions in the AGO. Benefits such as health, retirement, etc. will be provided according to NYU School of Law's own policies and procedures. In that the person selected is a volunteer and not an employee of the Washington State Attorney General's Office or the State of Washington, the person is not eligible for benefits provided by the State of Washington except for professional liability coverage.

A background check consisting of employment history, professional references, and educational verification (e.g., degree, license, or official transcript) may be conducted. Incumbent will be required to submit to and pass a fingerprint-based criminal background check conducted by the Washington State Patrol (WSP), Criminal Records Division, as a condition of employment and every five (5) years thereafter. One may also be required to submit to and pass a criminal background check at any time if, in the scope of their assigned duties, they are identified as a witness by an AAG prosecuting a criminal case.

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.

Applicants who have submitted materials directly to NYU Law School should note that the Washington State Attorney General's Office requires two items not requested by NYU (i.e., the transcript and writing sample).

For information about the position, please contact Bill Sherman at 206-442-4485. The deadline for receipt of all application material is **January 31, 2018.**

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Special Assistant Attorney General - Law Fellow Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. Are you a current member of the Washington State Bar Association?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- * 2. Have you pled guilty or been found guilty/convicted of a criminal offense or any DUI/alcohol- or drug-related matter within the last ten (10) years and/or have any charges/matters currently pending? If "YES", provide a full explanation for each offense. If the answer is "NO" you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application. (Please note that saying "yes" to this question will not automatically bar you from consideration.)
- * 3. Have you ever been subject to discipline or censure by a Bar Association or other licensing organization? If "YES" provide a full explanation for each disciplinary action. If the answer is "NO" you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application.
- * 4. Is there any Bar disciplinary proceeding pending against you? If "YES", provide a full explanation. If the answer is "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application.
- * 5. Have you ever been fired or asked to resign from any position? If "YES", you must provide a full explanation for each termination. If the answer is "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application.
- * 6. Have you participated, whether as an attorney, paralegal, legal assistant, or in any other capacity, in the representation of any party in a matter where the party's interest was materially adverse to that of the State, its agencies, or its officers or employees? If "YES", please identify all such matters, including the parties to the matter, the court and cause number of the matter, and your role in the matter. If "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application. If you require additional space, please attach additional sheets and indicate your attachment here.

- * 7. Have you participated as a judge, arbitrator, mediator, adjudicative officer, or as a law clerk to such a person, in a matter in which the State or any of its agencies, officers, or employees were a party? If YES, please identify all such matters, including the parties to the matter, the court and cause number of the matter, and your role in the matter. If "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application. If you require additional space, please attach additional sheets and indicate your attachment here.

- * 8. Is there any other matter, person, entity, or personal interest that might present a conflict of interest or otherwise limit your ability to perform work for the Attorney General's Office or represent a state agency, officer, or employee? If YES, please identify such matters, persons, entities, or personal interests with sufficient detail to allow the Attorney General's Office to understand the nature of the potential conflict of interest. You are not required to disclose any pending or contemplated complaint or dispute for which the law allows you to remain anonymous; however, you are responsible for not accepting assignments that would violate conflict of interest or confidentiality provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct or other laws with regard to such matters. If "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application. If you require additional space, please attach additional sheets and indicate your attachment here.

- * 9. Please be advised that the AGO thoroughly checks references, including one's current employer. HOWEVER, it is very important to note that references are ONLY checked after at least one interview. Any concerns about checking references can be discussed during any interview. For the sake of efficiency, we ask that you proactively provide a release by responding affirmatively to the following statement. I authorize the Washington State Attorney General's Office (AGO) to contact any or all of my former or present employers, or organizations for which services have been provided, for the purposes of verification and reference. This may include information of a confidential nature, to include but is not limited to reviewing my personnel file, contacting any references, and/or contacting anyone else who might be familiar with my past job performance. I knowingly and voluntarily release the state of Washington, the AGO, its individual employees, and all my former or present employers, and their individual employees, from any and all known and unknown claims for damages or other relief arising out of the AGO's request for and receipt of employment information, unless my current or former employer is prohibited by state or federal law from disclosing the information that the AGO requests. PLEASE TYPE YOUR FULL NAME IN RESPONSE TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION TO PROVIDE SUCH AUTHORIZATION.

- * 10. By clicking "YES" I acknowledge that a background check consisting of employment history, professional references, and educational verification (e.g., degree, license, or official transcript) may be conducted. Incumbent will be required to submit to and pass a fingerprint-based criminal background check conducted by the Washington State Patrol (WSP), Criminal Records Division. Incumbent may also be required to submit to and pass a criminal background check at any time during the period of employment if, in the scope of their employment and assigned duties, they are identified as a witness by an AAG prosecuting a criminal case.
☐ Yes ☐ No

- * 11. Have you uploaded all of the required material (i.e., letter of interest, resume, law school transcript and writing sample) with this application?
☐ Yes ☐ No

- * Required Question