

Assistant Attorney General - Spokane Division's Torts Section

Salary

Depends on Qualifications

Location

Spokane County – Spokane, 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 600 attorneys and 600 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.

This position is based in Spokane, Washington. Spokane is a vibrant and beautiful city that enjoys four distinct seasons and provides residents and visitors with world class outdoor adventures, including: fishing and whitewater rafting in the Spokane River; biking the Centennial Trail; snow skiing at nearby Mt. Spokane, Lookout Pass, Silver Mountain, 49 Degrees North, or Schweitzer Mountain; and hiking, boating or fishing in a host of nearby lakes and nature preserves. Spokane also offers great indoor activities: theater, including Broadway shows; live music; multiple exhibits; and the opportunity to taste Washington's renowned grapes and hops at a number of local wineries and craft breweries.

Duties

The Washington State Attorney General's Office's Christine O. Gregoire Spokane Division has an immediate opening for an attorney position in the Spokane Torts Section. The position is one of five attorney positions assigned to the Spokane Torts Section.

The Spokane Torts Section defends state agencies and state employees in personal injury, employment and civil rights actions brought throughout Eastern Washington. The selected attorney will engage in a litigation intensive practice that requires appearances in federal and state trial / appellate courts throughout Washington. In addition, the selected attorney will participate in a variety of Office initiatives that include but are not limited to client risk management trainings and the continuing development of litigation best practices.

On a regular basis, attorneys in the Spokane Torts Section are actively engaged in all facets of litigation from the claims stage through, and beyond, trial. The day-to-day activities includes the initial case planning, discovery and motions practice, trial preparation and trial. The Spokane Torts Section uses a trial team model for working cases. Torts Section Assistant Attorneys General who are assigned as lead counsel to a case are responsible for directing the work of a legal assistant, paralegal and investigator. The AAG is also responsible for coordinating with the client agency representative and the Department of Enterprise Services risk manager. In addition to litigation duties, Torts Section AAG's frequently collaborate with clients and program AAG's for risk management purposes. The collaboration ranges from informal impromptu conversations to formal presentations to client groups.

Staff of this section are dedicated, determined and talented professionals who take tremendous pride in securing successful outcomes for the Section's clients. This cannot be achieved without a high level of collaboration among the group.

Qualifications

Applicants should have enough litigation background to be comfortable handling any tort, employment or civil rights litigation needs of the clients. The position requires:

- Highly developed interpersonal skills, including superior communication and listening skills;
- The ability to work both independently and as a member of a team;

- The ability to contribute to and foster an environment that is professional, collegial, positive and inclusive;
- Strong analytical, research and writing skills;
- The ability to meet tight deadlines;
- The ability to multitask and work with colleagues in multiple offices; and
- The willingness and ability to handle sporadic litigation on short notice.

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 want to learn more about it before applying, we encourage you to contact Section Chief Carl Warring at 509-458-3541. The deadline for receipt of all application material is November 4, 2018.

Honoring diversity, equity and inclusion means that as an agency, and as individuals, we are committed to ensuring that all employees and volunteers enjoy a respectful, safe and supportive working environment. Only by fostering the inclusion of people from all backgrounds, cultures and attributes, can AGO employees and volunteers achieve their fullest potential and best advance the goals and mission of the AGO.

The AGO is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation/gender identity, age, disability, honorably discharged veteran or military status, retaliation or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.

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