

# Senior Assistant Attorney General - Criminal Justice Division in Seattle

**Salary**

Depends on Qualifications

**Location**

King County - Seattle - Downtown Business, WA

**Job Type**

Exempt

**Department**

Attorney General's Office

**Job Number**

2018-10136

**Closing**

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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 people 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 more than 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.

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 Criminal Justice Division (CRJ) of the Washington State Attorney General's Office is seeking an experienced attorney to fill the role of **Division Chief** of the Criminal Justice Division. The Division Chief is responsible for managing the litigation of the CRJ division and related legal issues, and plays an instrumental role in the mentorship and development of the Division's dedicated legal talent which is comprised of more than 25 attorneys and 25 professional staff.

The mission of the CRJ is to work with and support its partners in the criminal justice community and to work towards creating safe communities. Accordingly, its role within the AGO and people of Washington State is of critical importance. Upon request from the Governor, local law enforcement and local prosecutors, the division investigates and prosecutes criminal cases throughout the state and provides investigative and prosecutorial support to local law enforcement and prosecutors in several areas, including homicide cases, sexual assaults and white-collar crime. The CRJ civilly prosecutes previously convicted sexually violent predators who have served their criminal sentence and who still pose a serious threat to re-offend. The CRJ provides state- and nationwide investigative expertise and assistance through the office's Homicide Investigation and Tracking System (HITS) Unit and through the investigators and crime analysts who are part of HITS. The CRJ also represents and advises the Washington State Patrol (WSP), the Criminal Justice Training Commission and other criminal justice agencies.

The Division Chief is responsible for providing option-based legal advice and counsel to the state's highest agency executives, including the Attorney General and Governor. Though a critical member of the AGO's Leadership/Management Team, the Division Chief, as time, interest and divisional demands allow, may maintain and develop one's litigation skills by partnering with and/or handling a caseload.

The position is located in downtown Seattle but periodic travel can be expected.

## **Qualifications**

Well-qualified candidates will offer:

- Exceptional interpersonal skills to mentor and manage staff and contribute to the effectiveness and positivity of the division and agency;
- 8 or more years of litigation experience, preferably in the role of prosecutor;
- Exceptional ability to develop and deliver clear, concise, and sound options-based advice to high-level AGO management and divisional clients;
- Excellent judgment;
- Strong research, writing, and oral presentation skills; and
- Flexibility and time-management skill to manage staff, a robust client advice practice and caseload.

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 Deputy Attorney General Todd Bowers at [ToddB@atg.wa.gov](mailto:ToddB@atg.wa.gov). The deadline for receipt of the application and supporting material is November 1, 2018.

Note! The applicants selected will be required to submit to and pass a fingerprint-based criminal background check conducted by the Washington State Patrol, Criminal Records Division. The incumbent will submit to additional background checks as a condition of employment every five (5) years thereafter.

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*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. Persons requiring reasonable accommodation in the application process or requiring information in an alternative format may contact Tracy Robinson at 360-586-7693. Those with a hearing impairment in need of accommodation are encouraged*

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