

Assistant Attorney General - Washington State University Division

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 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.

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 University \(WSU\) Division](#) of the Attorney General's Office has an opening for an experienced health care attorney who also has expertise in one or more of the following areas: government business transactions and contracting, and/or real estate and public works. The position will be housed on the WSU Health Sciences Spokane (WSUS) campus and will provide advice and representation to the WSUS Chancellor, the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing, and other WSU officials and units as needed.

This position will work closely with the WSU Division attorneys in Pullman and will be required to travel to Pullman regularly, initially on a weekly basis. WSU is the state's land grant university with campuses in Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, Vancouver, and Everett, as well as the Global Campus and statewide offices and research centers.

The WSU Division currently has five attorneys, each practicing in several different areas of the law, including: student affairs, employment, risk management, financial aid and student fees, academic programs and clinical placements, health care, intercollegiate athletics, research compliance, technology transfer, copyright and intellectual property, land use, real estate, data confidentiality and records management, public finance and bonding, gifts and trusts, constitutional law, civil rights, police matters, contracts and construction. With the opening of the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine and expansion of WSUS, the need for this sixth attorney has arisen.

The WSU Division team is a supportive, collegial group of experienced attorneys and administrative staff. We are passionate about providing excellent and comprehensive legal services to our client. We also take care of ourselves and each other, including maintaining a work-life balance, taking time to help colleagues with tough issues and workload, and keeping perspective and a sense of humor, even under pressure.

Qualifications

Candidates should have:

- At least five years of experience in health care law and experience in one or more of the other areas listed with the "Duties" section above;
- Excellent analytical, research and writing skills;
- Attention to detail as well as the big picture;
- Superb interpersonal and communication skills;

- Excellent judgment and common sense;
- The ability to work both independently and collaboratively as the situation requires; and
- The ability to work quickly and manage stress and workload in a fast-paced, challenging environment.

Experience providing legal advice and/or representation to an institution of higher education or public entity is preferred.

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 WSU Danielle Hess at 509-335-2636. The deadline for receipt of all application material is October 21, 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

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