

# Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, The City of New York

## Associate General Counsel

**Salary: up to \$125,000 Commensurate with Experience**

**Excellent Benefits**

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The City of New York's Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) works to support New York City's thriving creative economy and make it accessible to all. The agency comprises five divisions: the Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting, which coordinates film and television production in public places; NYC Media, the largest municipal television and radio broadcasting entity in the country; workforce and educational initiatives in film, television, theater, music, publishing, advertising and digital content; the Office of Nightlife, which supports the sustainable development of New York City's nightlife industry; and the Press Credential Unit.

In New York City, a valid City government-issued press credential entitles the holder to (1) cross police lines, fire lines or other restrictions, limitations or barriers established by the City at emergency, spot, or breaking news events and public events of a non-emergency nature where police lines, fire lines or other restrictions, limitations or barriers established by the City have been set up for security or crowd control purposes, and (2) attend events sponsored by the City government that are open to members of the press.

By Local Law 46 of 2021, the City transferred the authority to issue press credentials from the NYPD to MOME, effective January 20, 2022. MOME is in the process of establishing the office, and the Associate General Counsel will be the first attorney in this role at MOME.

Under general direction, with wide latitude for the exercise of legal knowledge, judgment and experience the Associate General Counsel will:

- Serve as the lead attorney for the Press Credential Unit;
- Manage the work of an agency attorney(s) assigned to the Press Credential Unit and the Freedom of Information Law Records Officer;
- Provide legal services, guidance, and advice to MOME and its Press Credential Unit on First Amendment Law and other federal, state, and local laws;
- Draft regulations implementing NYC Administrative Code section 3-119.4 (Local Law 46 of 2021). Conduct public hearings, consider and make recommendations on public comments on rulemaking, and file required public notices;
- Draft and review guidance documents;
- Lead training sessions for Press Credential Unit staff, NYPD employees, and other City government staff;
- Litigate cases involving the Press Credential Unit's denials of applications for press credentials and revocations and suspensions of press credentials in the New York City Office of Administrative Tribunals and Hearings (OATH) and in state and federal court;
- Testify at City Council hearings about the Press Credential Unit;
- Liaise with NYPD, OATH, and the Law Department.

### Preferred skills:

- Expertise in First Amendment Law and laws relating to news media;
- Experience working in government, including litigation, legislative, and investigation experience;
- Superior writing, research, and analytical skills;
- Excellent verbal, written, interpersonal, analytical, and problem-solving skills;
- Ability to communicate in a clear, concise manner both verbally and in writing;
- Ability to establish rapport and interact effectively with teams comprised of attorney and non-attorney staff;
- Ability to effectively manage multiple priorities with competing deadlines.

### Qualification Requirements:

Admission to the New York State Bar; and four years of recent full-time legal experience subsequent to admission to any bar, eighteen months of which must have been in the supervision of other attorneys, in an administrative, managerial or executive capacity, or performing highly complex and significant legal work.

Incumbents must remain Members of the New York State Bar in good standing for the duration of this employment.

**NYC Residency is required within 90 days of appointment**

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