

## Legal Recruitment

Division of State Counsel
Litigation Bureau – New York City
Special Litigation Counsel
Reference No. LIT\_NYC\_AAG/SLC\_3389

## **Application Deadline is October 29, 2021**

The New York State Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is seeking a highly experienced litigator to serve as a **Special Litigation Counsel** in the New York City <u>Litigation Bureau</u>. The Bureau represents and defends the State of New York and its agencies, officials and employees in federal and state courts in civil actions and proceedings involving civil rights, education, social services, public employment, public health, law enforcement, corrections, state finance, insurance, taxation, and other litigation matters arising out of state legislation, regulations, and operations.

The Special Litigation Counsel will act as lead attorney on, or closely supervise, federal and state litigation that is of heightened importance to the State of New York, including litigation matters brought against the State's elected officials such as the Governor, State Comptroller and members of the State Senate and State Assembly. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Handling and/or supervising significant and/or complex civil litigation from complaint through trial;
- Overseeing discovery, as needed;
- Drafting and editing written work product;
- Representing clients and State agencies in state and federal court at pretrial motions, preliminary injunction hearings, oral arguments, and trials;
- Negotiating and evaluating settlements;
- Providing advice and mentoring attorneys on a variety of topics; and
- Performing non-litigating assignments and special projects as well as other duties, as assigned.



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Suitable candidates must possess the following qualifications:

- At least ten (10) years of post-graduate civil litigation experience in federal and New York state courts, with a focus on the handling of complex litigation;
- Excellent legal analysis, legal writing and editing, and oral advocacy skills;
- Strong organizational, interpersonal communication, and problem-solving skills;
- Comfort with and experience using technology to complete legal work, including knowledge of and experience with various computer software programs and case management and electronic discovery platforms; and
- Enjoys working with and assisting a large group of attorneys.

Due to the nature of the litigation matters handled by the Special Litigation Counsel, the following qualifications are also preferred:

- Significant prior civil jury trial experience in federal and New York state courts;
- Prior experience litigating Section 1983 civil rights matters; and
- Prior experience litigating emergency applications for judicial relief, such as temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, including handling preliminary injunction hearings.

Applicants must reside in (or intend to soon become a resident of) New York State and be admitted to practice law in New York State. In addition, the Public Officers Law requires that OAG attorneys be citizens of the United States. A two (2) year commitment upon being hired is a condition of employment.

OAG employees serve more than 20 million state residents through a wide variety of occupations. We offer a comprehensive New York State benefits package, including paid leave, health, dental, vision and retirement benefits, and family-friendly policies. As an employee of the OAG, you will join a team of dedicated individuals who work to

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serve the people of our State.

Per Office of the Attorney General policy, confirmation of full vaccination status is a condition of employment for this position. If you are not fully vaccinated, you will be required to provide negative COVID-19 test results at a frequency determined by the agency. The agency will consider religious and reasonable accommodations. For more information, please contact recruitment@ag.ny.gov.

## **How To Apply**

**Applications are being received online.** To apply, please click on the following link: LIT\_NYC\_AAG/SLC\_3389

To ensure consideration, applications must be received by close of business on October 29, 2021.

Applicants must be prepared to submit a complete application consisting of the following:

- Cover Letter
  - You may address to Legal Recruitment.
  - Indicate why are interested in this position and what makes you the best candidate.
- Resume
- Writing Sample
  - A trial court memorandum of law is preferred.
- List of three (3) references
  - Only submit professional references, supervisory references are preferred.
  - Indicate the nature and duration of your relationship to each reference.
  - Include contact information and email addresses for each reference.

If you have questions regarding a position with the OAG and the application process or you need assistance with submitting your application, please contact Legal Recruitment via email at <a href="mailto:recruitment@ag.ny.gov">recruitment@ag.ny.gov</a> or phone at 212-416-8080.

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