

## Legal Recruitment

Division of Criminal Justice
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit – Buffalo
Special Assistant Attorney General
Reference No. MFCU SAAG BUF 3548

### Application Deadline is April 7, 2023

The Office of the New York State Attorney General's (OAG) Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is seeking an investigative attorney with experience prosecuting or investigating complex financial wrongdoing to serve as a Special Assistant Attorney General in its Buffalo regional office.

Improper and fraudulent use of Medicaid funds can impact access to critical healthcare services for low-income New Yorkers and costs taxpayers millions of dollars annually. MFCU uses the New York State Penal Law, the False Claims Act, Social Services Law §145-b, the Executive Law, and other New York laws to bring civil actions and criminal proceedings to hold accountable individuals and companies who are responsible for these improper or fraudulent Medicaid billing schemes. Many of MFCUs investigations are conducted in coordination with other state, federal or local government and prosecutorial agencies, and have resulted in revenue generation through the large-scale recovery of taxpayer money.

Additionally, MFCU works to safeguard elderly and disabled New Yorkers by investigating reports of abuse and neglect at nursing homes and other residential health care facilities in the state. The importance of this work is highlighted in the OAG's report detailing allegations of COVID-19-related neglect of nursing home residents across New York State.

The selected attorney will lead collaborative, team-based investigations with MFCU's forensic accountants/auditors, detectives and analysts to identify and prosecute financial fraud in the healthcare industry and abuse and neglect of residents of healthcare facilities, including presenting



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Fellowship & Volunteer Attorney Opportunities evidence to grand juries, and conduct evidentiary hearings and trials in New York State courts. Several recent matters that highlight MFCU's important work include suing an Orleans County nursing home for years of fraud and neglect; the conviction of an optician for fraudulently billing Medicaid for services for deceased nursing home residents; and securing over \$2 million from a western New York doctor to resolve illegal Medicaid billing findings.

Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. The OAG is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to workplace diversity.

## Applicants must possess the following minimum qualifications:

- A minimum of four (4) years of practice experience, which should include either a strong foundation in grand jury and criminal trial experience OR substantial complex business litigation practice;
- Candidates with a background that includes both prosecutorial and civil litigation experience are strongly preferred;
- Prior experience drafting and overseeing the execution of search and eavesdropping warrants is desirable;
- Excellent research, analytical, writing and organizational skills;
- Sound judgement with the ability to articulate the critical issues in a case accurately and precisely;
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently and as a member of a team, including fostering productive and collaborative relationships with staff at all levels of the organization; and
- Technology proficiency that preferably includes a knowledge of and comfort using Microsoft Office applications and case management and eDiscovery platforms.

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.

As an employee of the OAG, you will join a team of dedicated individuals who work to serve the people of our State through a wide variety of occupations. To learn more about Assistant Attorney General compensation, please click here. We offer a comprehensive New York State benefits package, including paid leave, health, dental, vision and retirement benefits, and family-friendly policies. Additionally, the OAG offers a robust Workplace Flexibilities Program with multiple options for employees, including



telecommuting (up to two days per week) and alternative work schedules.

Per Office of the Attorney General policy, confirmation of vaccination status is a condition of employment for this position. If you are not fully vaccinated, you may be required to provide regular negative COVID-19 PCR 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 submitted online.** To apply, please click on the following link: **MFCU\_BUF\_SAAG\_3548** 

To ensure consideration, applications must be received by close of business on April 7, 2023.

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

#### **Cover Letter**

- You may address to Legal Recruitment.
- Indicate why you are interested in a position with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and what makes you a strong candidate.

#### Resume

## **Writing Sample**

### 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.
- Please note, your references will not be contacted until after you interview for the position.

If you have questions regarding a position with the OAG and the application process or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact Legal

Recruitment via email at  $\underline{recruitment@ag.ny.gov}$  or phone at 212-416-8080.

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