

City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION
Job Vacancy Notice

Civil Service Title: Agency Attorney	Level: II
Title Code No: 30087	Salary: \$ 71,423.00 / \$ \$82,137.00 <i>*Minimum with two years of continuous city service</i>
Office Title: Staff Counsel	Work location: 42 Broadway, New York, NY <i>*Job location is on site</i>
Division/Work Unit: General Counsel	Number of Positions: 1
Job ID: 566642	Hours/Shift: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Job Description

The NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) protects and enhances the daily economic lives of New Yorkers to create thriving communities. DCWP licenses more than 51,000 businesses in more than 40 industries and enforces key consumer protection, licensing, and workplace laws that apply to countless more. By supporting businesses through equitable enforcement and access to resources and, by helping to resolve complaints, DCWP protects the marketplace from predatory practices and strives to create a culture of compliance. Through its community outreach and the work of its offices of Financial Empowerment and Labor Policy & Standards, DCWP empowers consumers and working families by providing the tools and resources they need to be educated consumers and to achieve financial health and work-life balance. DCWP also conducts research and advocates for public policy that furthers its work to support New York City’s communities. For more information about DCWP and its work, call 311 or visit DCWP at nyc.gov/dcwp or on its social media sites, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

The General Counsel Division is seeking an experienced attorney to serve as Staff Counsel who will be responsible for initiating, investigating, and litigating cases at the New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH), against individuals and businesses that violate New York City’s licensing and consumer protection laws. Reporting to the Associate General Counsel, Staff Counsel responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Make initial determinations as to whether matters should be investigated; determine legal theories and plans for investigations and carry them out; and review completed investigations or compliance reports for legal sufficiency;
- Assist in investigating matters and preparing cases for trial by securing and preparing evidence, conferring with witnesses, participating in conferences, examining and cross-examining witnesses, conducting oral arguments before the Supreme Court or OATH, and drafting legal documents needed during the various stages of litigation;
- Engage in communications with consumers, opposing counsel, and regulated businesses in order to advance investigations, enforce regulations, and resolve violations and litigation via settlement;
- Recommend whether cases should be filed and litigated in Supreme Court or OATH, resolved informally or through settlements; and negotiate settlements as appropriate;
- Try cases before appropriate adjudicatory bodies;
- Confer with other government agencies and Agency divisions; and
- Participate in enforcing a variety of consumer related laws within the agency’s jurisdiction.

The ideal candidate will be responsible for these functions, as well as for special projects and assignments related to consumer or licensee issues or to DCWP’s operations. In addition, as part of these functions, the Staff Counsel is responsible for careful case project management and operational tasks necessary to support and effectuate this work.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

1. Admission to the New York State Bar; and either "2" or "3" below.
 2. One year of satisfactory United States legal experience subsequent to admission to any state bar; or
 3. Six months of satisfactory service as an Agency Attorney Interne (30086).
- Incumbents must remain Members of the New York State Bar in good standing for the duration of this employment.

In addition to meeting the minimum Qualification Requirements:

To be assigned to Assignment Level (AL) II, candidates must have one year of experience at Assignment Level I or two years of comparable legal experience subsequent to admission to the bar, in the areas of law related to the assignment. To be assigned to AL III candidates must have two years of experience in Assignment Levels I and/or II or three years of comparable legal experience subsequent to admission to the bar, in the areas of law related to the assignment.

Preferred Skills

- Litigation experience, including in New York State courts and at the New York City Office of Trials and Hearings (OATH);
- Demonstrated excellent verbal, written, interpersonal, analytical, problem-solving and time management skills.
- Proficient in conducting legal research and undertaking factual investigations, including reviewing documents and conducting witness interviews and depositions;
- Demonstrated excellent legal research, writing and negotiation skills;
- Comfort with data-driven analysis and strategic planning;
- Able to interact effectively with multi-functional teams comprised of attorney and non-attorney staff;
- Able to effectively manage multiple priorities with competing deadlines;
- References that can confirm legal skills; and
- Experience and knowledge in consumer protection and finance laws, administrative law, and/or false advertising litigation is preferred.

To Apply

For Non-City/External Candidates: Visit the [External Applicant NYC Careers site](#) and type “Consumer and Worker Protection” on the search line. Then locate the Job ID number.

For Current City Employees: Visit [Employee Self Service](#) (ESS) to view and click on Recruiting Activities, Careers, and search by Job ID number.

A RESUME AND COVER LETTER ARE REQUIRED.

PLEASE INDICATE IN YOUR COVER LETTER HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS POSITION.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

NO PHONE CALLS, FAXES, E-MAILS, OR PERSONAL INQUIRIES PERMITTED.

NOTE: ONLY THOSE CANDIDATES UNDER CONSIDERATION WILL BE CONTACTED.

***Appointments are subject to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval.**

***55-a Candidates:** NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse and culturally responsive workforce. We strongly encourage 55-A candidates to apply to our positions in order to be given the opportunity.

****The City of New York is an inclusive equal opportunity employer committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and providing a work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment based upon any legally protected status or protected characteristic, including but not limited to an individual's sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, gender identity, or pregnancy.**

*****LOAN FORGIVENESS:** The federal government provides student loan forgiveness through its Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) to all qualifying public service employees. Working with DCWP qualifies you as a public service employee and you may be able to take advantage of this program while working full-time and meeting the program's other requirements. Please visit the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program site to view the eligibility requirements: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

***Drug Screening:** A drug screening may be required prior to being appointed.

As of August 2, 2021, all new hires must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, unless they have been granted a reasonable accommodation for religion or disability. If you are offered city employment, this requirement must be met by your date of hire, unless a reasonable accommodation for exemption is received and approved by the hiring agency.

We are committed to providing reasonable accommodations that enable people with disabilities to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment as are enjoyed by others. If you are contacted to attend an interview for one of our open vacancies and would like to request an accommodation for that date, please send an email to ReasonableAccommodationRequests@dcwp.nyc.gov.

If interested in being sent our job postings on a monthly basis, please email your resume at dcajobs@dcwp.nyc.gov. Make sure to include your personal contact information and the civil service title you are currently serving and civil service exams you have taken.

Additional Information

In addition, the NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) offers competitive salaries and the following benefits:

Paid Time Off and Holidays

- Paid time off for vacation and personal leave
- Paid time off for sick leave
- A generous holiday package of up to 13 days

Health Benefits

- Medical insurance plans
- Dental and vision insurance plans
- Employee assistance program

Financial and Savings Benefits

- 529 college savings plan
- Direct deposit
- Flexible spending account programs
- New York City Municipal Credit Union savings program
- Transit benefit programs
- Loan forgiveness

Retirement and Pension Plans

- New York City Employee Retirement System (NYCERS) pension plan
- New York City Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) 401(k) and 457 plan

Additional Benefits for Union Members

- Disability insurance
- Health club reimbursements
- Life insurance
- Supplemental hospital coverage
- Tuition reimbursement

*Please note only employees represented by a labor union may qualify for additional benefits provided by the union welfare fund.

Employee Discounts

- Apple and Dell products
- Cell phones and plans
- Gym memberships
- Special pricing on event tickets through Barclay Center, Plum Benefits and Working Advantage
- And more!

Post Date: 12/29/2022

Post Until: 04/02/2023

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