



WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
OPEN GOVERNMENT OFFICE

A challenging opportunity exists to serve as an Open Government Assistant Attorney General.

Agency Profile

The Attorney General, an elected official, serves clients in more than 230 state agencies, boards and commissions, colleges and universities, as well as the Legislature and the Governor. Our mission is to deliver to officials, agencies and citizens of Washington State the highest quality professional legal services. We also serve the public through our Consumer Protection and Antitrust Divisions and our Public Counsel Section. The Attorney General's Office employs approximately 500 attorneys and 600 support staff.

The Position

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) has an opening for an assistant attorney general to perform an ombuds function and specialize in the Public Records Act (PRA) and Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). The person selected for this position will have the following responsibilities:

- (1) Serve an ombuds function for the public, media, and government agencies by answering questions regarding compliance with the PRA and OPMA and assisting in resolving disputes regarding the application of these laws;
- (2) Develop PRA and OPMA training materials for the public and agencies for on-line access and provide in-person trainings;
- (3) Act as the AGO's representative on the "Sunshine Committee" (RCW 42.56.140) and provide substantive support to the Committee;
- (4) In coordination with the AGO policy staff, provide guidance on open government legislation and initiatives, and work with stakeholders on model rules and best practices relating to compliance with the PRA and OPMA; and
- (5) Act as an internal resource for the AGO by training and advising AGO staff on PRA and OPMA issues, participating on the AGO's Public Records Committee and in the 42.56.530 review process, and participating in office projects regarding records production, retention, and management.

Some travel around the state is required. This position will report to a member of the AGO's Core Leadership Team, and the preferred location for the position is Olympia.

Compensation

The position will be compensated at the level of an assistant attorney general of similar years of experience and responsibility. A standard state benefits package is offered that includes a choice of medical/dental insurance plans, retirement, life and basic long-term disability insurance.

Desired Qualifications

Candidates must have a juris doctorate degree, be a member of the Washington State Bar, and have a minimum 5 years of relevant legal experience. Preferred candidates shall have a thorough working knowledge of the PRA and OPMA, practical experience advising on compliance with these laws and applying these laws, and demonstrated ability to conduct trainings and organize and lead projects. Applicants should have a strong commitment to public service; excellent research, analysis, writing, and communication skills; ability to train and speak in front of small and large groups; excellent judgment in handling sometimes politically charged or media issues; the initiative and ability to bring projects to completion and meet deadlines; and the ability to work with individuals and groups to build consensus in solving problems.

Application Process

Interested applicants must submit a letter of interest, a completed application form, a current resume and law school transcript to Linda Nakamura by e-mail (linda.nakamura@atg.wa.gov), fax (206-389-2058) or mail (800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188.) Applications can be obtained by contacting Linda (206-464-6446), by clicking [here](#). For information about the positions, contact Christina Beusch at (360) 664-3801. The deadline for receipt of all application material is **October 1, 2013**.

(If you are a current member of the AGO's hiring pool and wish to be considered for this position, supplement your file by providing Linda with a specific letter of interest by the deadline date.)

The AGO respects and encourages diversity in the work force and is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity diversity, age, honorably discharged veteran, veteran status, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Persons requiring reasonable accommodation in the application process or requiring any information in an alternative format may contact Kim Siebs at 206-389-2401 or Washington Relay Service at 1-800-676-3777 or www.washingtonrelay.com.