



**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL (HARRISBURG)
ASSISTANT COUNSEL
OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Pennsylvania Governor's Office of General Counsel (OGC) seeks a licensed attorney to serve as Assistant Counsel in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Office of Chief Counsel's Bureau of Regulatory Counsel. This position is based in Harrisburg, and will be classified as either an Attorney 1, 2, or 3 depending on the level of relevant experience possessed by the successful applicant.

DEP's Bureau of Regulatory Counsel is responsible for the Commonwealth's environmental oversight and administration of both state and federal environmental laws in DEP's Central Office located in Harrisburg, the state's capital. Attorneys within this office provide counseling and regulatory development services for DEP's environmental programs, including Clean Water, Waterways and Wetlands, Safe Drinking Water, Environmental Cleanup, Waste Management, Air Quality, Mining, Oil & Gas, and Radiation Protection. DEP Bureau of Regulatory Counsel attorneys counsel, negotiate and develop environmental regulations, policy guidance, and legislation associated with the Commonwealth's environmental statutes, review permitting actions, and counsel Central Office clients on legal issues that arise as a part of program implementation. Attorneys regularly represent DEP in front of administrative boards, and, at times, in state or federal courts. Attorneys also participate in reviews of responses generated by the programs for Pennsylvania Right to Know Law requests.

The work requires close coordination with DEP's management, policy, and technical staff, including geologists, engineers, chemists and biologists, and applicants must be comfortable with learning aspects of these scientific disciplines as necessary to provide sound counseling service and to effectively draft regulatory and policy documents. This position requires the exercise of confidentiality and independent judgment; the ability to foster trust and respect and to create friendly and collaborative internal working relationships with Commonwealth clients is essential.

The successful candidate for this position will have demonstrated: (1) solid legal research, analysis and reasoning capabilities; (2) superior inter-personal and communication skills, especially oral and written advocacy; (3) an ability to identify and resolve complicated and sensitive problems creatively and with professional discretion; (4) an ability and willingness to handle a wide variety of complex legal matters both independently and as part of a team; and (5) an ability to interact and function effectively within both the greater legal community and a large governmental organization. Preferred candidates will have regulatory experience and some knowledge of environmental law.

The Governor's Office of General Counsel provides efficient, responsive legal services to the Commonwealth, the Governor, members of his cabinet and more than 30 executive branch and independent agencies, including DEP, that conduct the business of the Commonwealth. This consists of rendering legal advice and representation concerning matters and issues arising in connection with the operation of executive agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction, as well as select independent agencies.

In addition to the aforementioned legal experience, the candidate must have a Juris Doctor degree from an ABA- accredited law school and be a member in good standing with the Pennsylvania Bar. Interested applicants should send a cover letter setting forth interest in this position, resume, and writing sample no later than August 19, 2022 to ogchiring@pa.gov, directed to Rodney R. Akers, Deputy General Counsel, 333 Market Street, 17th Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101. OGC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to a diverse workforce. The Commonwealth values inclusion as we seek to recruit, develop, and retain the most qualified people to serve the citizens of Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, union membership, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, AIDS or HIV status, disability, or any other categories protected by applicable federal or state law. All diverse candidates are encouraged to apply.