



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

The Pennsylvania Governor's Office of General Counsel (OGC) seeks two licensed attorneys to serve as Assistant Counsels in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Office of Chief Counsel's Northcentral Regional Office. These positions are based in Williamsport, and will be classified as an Attorney 1, 2, or 3 depending on the level of relevant experience possessed by the successful applicants.

DEP's Northcentral Regional Office is responsible for the Commonwealth's environmental oversight and administration of both state and federal environmental laws in north-central Pennsylvania. Attorneys within this office provide counseling and litigation services for DEP's environmental programs, including Clean Water, Waterways and Wetlands, Safe Drinking Water, Environmental Cleanup, Waste Management, Air Quality, and Oil and Gas. DEP Northcentral Regional attorneys counsel, draft, negotiate and litigate enforcement actions arising from violations of the Commonwealth's environmental statutes, review and defend permitting actions, and counsel Northcentral Regional clients on legal issues that arise as a part of program implementation. Trial and appellate litigation generally occurs before the PA Environmental Hearing Board and 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 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 further to conduct effective direct and cross examination of both lay and expert witnesses during litigation. These positions require 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 candidates for these positions 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 litigation 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, each successful 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 these positions, a resume, and a writing sample no later than August 19, 2022 to [ogchiring@pa.gov](mailto: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.