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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL (HARRISBURG)  
ASSISTANT COUNSEL  
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**THE POSITION:**

Are you seeking a career in public service which offers a fulfilling work experience creating economic development opportunities for communities all across Pennsylvania? The Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) in the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has an exciting opportunity for you: we are seeking an Assistant Counsel to serve in our litigation/collections group. As a member of this team, based at DCED's headquarters in Harrisburg's Capitol Complex, you will provide legal services to various DCED economic development programs, all with the overarching goal of responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds, sustainable development initiatives, and operational transparency.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

The successful applicant will have three to five years of experience and will manage a full caseload of litigation and collections matters, representing DCED before federal and state courts. DCED matters are diverse in nature, ranging from statutory construction issues of first impression to creditor representation in bankruptcy proceedings, to sheriff sales and mortgage foreclosures, and to local government issues under the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act (commonly known as Act 47). This attorney will have the opportunity to handle such matters from start to finish, taking full ownership of assigned projects while supported by experienced OCC litigators. Additionally, the Assistant Counsel will represent DCED in administrative proceedings, defending DCED in the administration of its tax credit programs. This position allows a lawyer to use their legal talents in the important public service of holding recipients of economic development incentives accountable for fulfilling their contractual obligations, including the job creation and capital investment within the Commonwealth, critical facets of beneficial economic development and of performance-based good government. As a secondary assignment, the attorney will serve as one of the attorneys working on matters related to Pennsylvania's open records laws. Duties in this area include providing advice and recommendations to DCED staff and drafting all necessary legal response documents citing reasons for redaction and exemption.

The individual who holds this position must possess solid written and oral communications skills, attention to detail, exceptional interpersonal skills, and an ability to foster trust and respect, including creating collaborative and responsive working relationships with colleagues and clients.

DCED-OCC is part of the Governor's Office of General Counsel which provides efficient, responsive legal services to the Commonwealth, the Governor, members of his cabinet and more than 30 executive branch agencies, including DCED, that conduct the business of the Commonwealth. This includes 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 experience, the 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 this specific position and resume, to [ogchiring@pa.gov](mailto:ogchiring@pa.gov) directed to Rodney R. Akers, Deputy General Counsel, 333 Market Street, 17<sup>th</sup> 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 based on 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.