



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL (HARRISBURG)
ASSISTANT COUNSEL
PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE AUTHORITY d/b/a PENNIE®

The Pennsylvania Governor's Office of General Counsel (OGC) seeks an entry level attorney, licensed in Pennsylvania, to advise the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority d/b/a Pennie® (Pennie) with respect to general legal matters and administrative practice and procedure. The position is based in Harrisburg, although part-time hybrid telework is currently available. The ideal candidate will have an interest in administrative litigation and in developing expertise in the laws and process applicable to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Pennie was created by Act 42 of 2019 to improve the accessibility and affordability of individual market health care coverage for Pennsylvanians through the creation of a state-based health insurance exchange and a reinsurance program designed to reduce costs. Pursuant to the ACA, Pennie currently serves over 300,000 Pennsylvanians, providing them access to high-quality health insurance as well as financial assistance to help them afford it. Pennie provides unbiased enrollment assistance and support to help customers navigate the complicated and sometimes overwhelming process of picking the right plan for their health needs and budget. More information on Pennie can be found at <https://pennie.com>.

This unique opportunity requires a candidate that is flexible and prepared to move rapidly between legal issues. The successful applicant will work directly with senior level colleagues, advising Pennie's staff on the operation and oversight of the exchange. The candidate will need to work with counsel for other agencies, attorneys from other exchanges, the federal government, and directly with clients.

Duties will include but are not limited to litigating administrative cases before a hearing officer; providing legal advice to Pennie's staff in various areas, including Pennie policies, program development, intellectual property, and compliant customer messaging; addressing customer privacy and security issues; and any other duties assigned by the Chief Counsel. The selected candidate will review federal and state statutes and regulations; draft pleadings, briefs, and other court filings; and appear in administrative forums and the Pennsylvania courts in cases of varying complexity. The individual will be required to work independently but with supervision from the Chief Counsel.

The successful candidate will have excellent written and oral communications skills, exceptional attention to detail, and a familiarity with legal office technology. Under the direction of the Chief Counsel, this Assistant Counsel will collegially and collaboratively provide timely advice to Pennie's Board of Directors, Pennie's Executive Director, and other senior staff, considering agency business goals and needs. Solid interpersonal skills are a must, including the ability to foster trust and respect and create collaborative working relationships with internal Commonwealth clients.

OGC provides efficient, responsive legal services to the Commonwealth, the Governor, members of his cabinet, and more than thirty (30) executive branch agencies 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.

This position offers competitive compensation, excellent benefits, and many opportunities for long-term career growth.

In addition to the minimum of two (2) years of relevant 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, resume, and writing sample no later than **June 3, 2022**, to ogchiring@pa.gov addressed to Rodney R. Akers, Deputy General Counsel, 333 Market Street, 17th Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101.

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