

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Office of the Attorney General**



**Vacancy Announcement: 15-015**

**TRIAL ATTORNEY**

**Child Protection Section II  
Family Services Division**

**Salary Range: \$73,869-\$87,849\* (LS-12/13)**

The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia is seeking a Trial Attorney for a position within the Family Services Division, Child Protection Section.

Attorneys in the Child Protection Sections represent the District of Columbia on behalf of the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) in an attorney-client relationship in the approximately 1200 open child abuse and neglect cases in the Family Court of the D.C. Superior Court. There are four Child Protection Sections. Attorneys in these sections handle all aspects of child neglect litigation on behalf of the District and CFSA from petitioning of new cases through permanency, including filing of motions to terminate parental rights and prosecuting these matters. Attorneys are responsible for petitioning new cases alleging child abuse or neglect, propounding and/or responding to discovery, filing and/or responding to pre-trial motions, participating in mediation, preparing witnesses to testify at trial, and presenting evidence at trial. The attorneys also represent CFSA post-adjudication with the goal of ultimately securing a safe and permanent home for children through reunification, adoption or guardianship. In the post-adjudication phase of a neglect case, attorneys are responsible for representing CFSA at regular permanency and review hearings, participating in occasional evidentiary hearings, filing motions and responsive pleadings, advising and counseling social workers and other professionals from CFSA, participating in RED team and other team meetings as necessary, and working with various multi-disciplinary team members. Attorneys simultaneously maintain a trial caseload and post-adjudication caseload. Attorneys are in court a significant amount of their time.

The successful candidate must have a law degree and be an active member in good standing of the bar of any jurisdiction. If you are not a member of the District of Columbia Bar, you must be sworn into the District of Columbia Bar within 360 days of your initial hire as an attorney with the bar.

The candidate should also have a demonstrated commitment to work in the area of child protection or family law issues. Litigation experience is preferred, but not required.

Please reference vacancy announcement number in your cover letter.

**\* Salary in this range will be based on applicable rules, regulations and guidelines.**