

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General**



Vacancy Announcement: 15-021

**TRIAL ATTORNEY (2 vacancies)
Child Protection Section, Family Services Division**

Salary range: \$61,633-\$81,261* (LS-11/12)

The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia is seeking two Trial Attorneys 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 candidates 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 candidates 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.

This position is within the Collective Bargaining Unit. Candidates for the position may be subject to a background check.

All applicants should submit a cover letter, which specifically addresses the applicant's experience in those areas listed in the qualification criteria, resume, writing sample, and list of three references. Applications should be submitted to Kim McDaniel, Director of EEO, Recruitment and Hiring, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 1100 South, Washington, D.C. 20001. **Closing Date: May 1, 2015.**

Please reference vacancy announcement number in your cover letter.

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

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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