

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



Trial Attorney
Office of the General Counsel for the
District of Columbia Department on Disability Services
Salary Range: \$68,583-77,735
Vacancy Announcement: 13-062

The District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General (OAG), Office of the General Counsel for the District of Columbia Department on Disability Services (Agency) seeks an attorney with a background in disability law and administrative litigation.

The District of Columbia Department on Disability Services (DDS) includes, in pertinent part, two administrations: the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). The Developmental Disabilities Administration provides oversight and coordination of all services and supports provided to qualified persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities who are District of Columbia residents. The Rehabilitation Services Administration provides comprehensive vocational and independent living services to persons with disabilities to promote their opportunities for employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence, and administers the Blind Vendor Facilities Randolph-Sheppard Program. This position is located at 1125 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

The selected candidate will serve under the direct supervision of the General Counsel. The selected candidate will represent DDA in admission, commitment, annual review and other proceedings before the Family Court's Mental Health and Habilitation Branch under D.C. Law 2-137, the "Citizens with Intellectual Disability Constitutional Rights and Dignity Act of 1978," codified as amended at D.C. Official Code § 7-1301.01 *et seq.* (2008 Repl.). The trial attorney may represent DDS in hearings involving individuals served by the agency before other branches of the D.C. Superior Court or involving individuals who are served by other agencies and may be transferring to DDS for supports and services. In addition, the trial attorney will assist DDS in adjudicatory and quasi-adjudicatory proceedings involving DDA and RSA, providing litigation support as needed. Other duties will include advising the client agency with regard to litigation and legal issues and working with the other attorneys in the OGC to otherwise meet the legal needs of DDS.

Candidates must have an interest in disability law, the Rehabilitation Act and the Social Security Act, or a strong background in litigation with an interest in developing legal expertise in these areas. Prior experience in civil or administrative litigation is desired, but not required. Candidates must possess excellent writing and analytical skills, highly developed oral communications skill,

the ability to work well with others, the ability to multi-task and meet constantly changing deadlines under exacting time demands.

Candidates must have a law degree and be a member of the District of Columbia Bar or eligible for waiver into the bar. If a candidate is selected and is not a member of the District of Columbia Bar, he/she must apply for membership and show proof of such prior to the commencement of employment.

Candidates for the position may be subject to a background check. The position will be a 13-month term position and renewal is subject to funding. This position is within the collective bargaining agreement. Screening of applications will begin on July 15, 2013. Open until filled.