

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General

TRIAL ATTORNEY

Child Support Services Division, Legal Services Section
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Vacancy Announcement # OAG-15-002

Salary range: LS- \$61,633-69,857*

The Legal Services Section of the Child Support Services Division (CSSD) in the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia is seeking a trial attorney. CSSD administers the District's child support services program that includes locating non-custodial parents, establishing legal paternity, establishing support orders, enforcing legal support obligations including medical support, and modifying support orders. The Division is also responsible for the State Disbursement Unit that processes all child support payment collections and disbursements.

The incumbent will represent the District and custodial parents in all aspects of Child Support litigation, from initial entry of a support order to modification of the order to civil and criminal contempt enforcement. The attorneys are typically in court 4-5 days a week, negotiating consent orders with the parents or conducting contested hearings. The incumbent will serve as a "floater," primarily assigned to help with the anticipated surge in both local and interstate petitions resulting from a new application from TANF which allows caseworkers to increase the number of referrals for attorney review, etc., and provide coverage for the court calendars when those AAGs assigned to court litigation teams are out on scheduled leave and/or extended leave. The legal work is high volume and fast paced.

The candidate should also be committed to working on behalf of children and have a demonstrated commitment to trial work in the public sector. Prior trial experience and fluency in Spanish highly desirable, but not necessary. The successful candidate must also have experience handling a large volume of cases. 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.

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

The position is 13-month term appointment and is in the Collective Bargaining Unit. Candidates for the position may be subject to a background check.

Open until filled. Screening of applications will begin on January 16, 2015. When applying please include the vacancy announcement in your cover letter.

In accordance with the D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977, as amended, D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.01 *et seq.*, the District of Columbia does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived: race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status, family responsibilities, genetic information, matriculation, political affiliation, disability, source of income, or place of residence or business. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination which is prohibited by the Act. In addition, harassment based on any of the above protected categories is prohibited by the act. Discrimination in violation of the Act will not be tolerated. Violators will be subjected to disciplinary action.

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