

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



**General Counsel
Office of Cable Television (OCT), Office of General Counsel
Vacancy Announcement #OAG-13-063**

Salary range: LX-2-- \$106,086 - \$113,300*

The mission of the Office of Cable Television (OCT) is to: (1) regulate the provision of "cable service" in the District of Columbia (as that term is defined by the District's cable television laws); (2) protect and advance the cable service-related interests of the District and its residents; and (3) produce and cablecast live and recorded video and other programming by way of the District's public, educational and government (PEG) cable channels.

OCT regulates the District's cable service providers by enforcing applicable federal and District cable television laws and regulations (including existing District Cable Franchise Agreements); OCT establishes cable franchise agreements between cable service providers and the District, and it ensures compliance with those franchise agreements; OCT works to facilitate harmonious relationships between District cable service providers and their customers by mediating disputes and enforcing applicable customer service regulations; OCT facilitates open access to the District government through the operation of its government cable channels (e.g., TV-13 and DCN) and its educational cable channel (e.g., DKN); OCT works to create and maintain an economic and regulatory environment that promotes competition in the cable television industry in the District; and OCT works to attract the deployment and maintenance of advanced cable services in the District.

The General Counsel will assist OCT in its two missions: (i) regulation of cable television in the District of Columbia and (ii) management and production of government cable TV channels 13 and 16. The General Counsel is the District government's chief cable TV regulatory officer and is responsible for the negotiation, management, and enforcement of the District's franchise agreements with Comcast, RCN, and Verizon. The General Counsel is also responsible for the review and negotiation of any new applications for a cable or open video system franchise submitted to the District; and for enforcing the cable television customer service regulations. The successful candidate must keep abreast of developments in federal cable law as they apply to the District and District residents. The General Counsel manages one attorney, a paralegal, a consumer services manager, and a cable inspector/engineer. The General Counsel also works directly with the agency's Executive Director, Programming Director, and Director of Operations.

The General Counsel handles a variety of matters, including: (i) drafting legislation, regulations and Council testimony, District government agency reports to the Mayor, and letters to the cable

operators and District residents, (ii) negotiating and drafting memoranda of understanding with other District agencies, (iii) participating in meetings with Council members and staff and officials in the Executive Office of the Mayor, (iv) attending regular oversight meetings with Comcast officials, (v) researching the District's laws and federal and local law on cable television and municipal programming matters, (vi) working with OCT's consumer services manager and cable inspector on cable television customer service issues and related consumer inquiries, (vii) assisting OCT's senior management team on various agency legal issues as well as drafting assignments, and (viii) managing the agency's handling of risk management issues, FOIA requests, and agency performance management issues.

A successful candidate for this position will have must have a J.D. degree, a working knowledge of the operations of District government, knowledge of District and federal cable television, communications and media law, supervisory experience, effective interpersonal skills and excellent research and writing. A successful candidate should also have working knowledge and/or experience in EEO law. The selected candidate must be a resident of the District of Columbia, or must move into the District within 180 days of appointment and remain a District resident as long as he/she holds the position.

This position is outside the Collective Bargaining Unit. Candidates for the position may also be subject to a background check. Open until filled. **Screening of applicants will begin on August 27, 2013.**

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