

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



**General Counsel**

**Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)**  
**Vacancy Announcement # OAG-14-025**

**Salary range: LX-2 \$110,000-\$150,000\***

The General Counsel is the primary legal advisor to the State Superintendent of Education. The General Counsel supervises up to seven (7) staff attorneys, a legal assistant, and law clerks assigned to OSSE. This position manages legal staff and advises agency leadership on a broad range of complex legal issues. These responsibilities include issues related to local District law as well as federal laws and regulations -- with a primary focus on education, finance, internal controls, and data sharing. The General Counsel coordinates legal support for early childhood development facilities licensing, charter school financing, student educational financing, and District rule revision. OSSE lawyers, including the General Counsel, represent OSSE in administrative hearings related to special education, compliance and enforcement actions. The General Counsel addresses legal issues related to personnel matters for the 250-plus OSSE employees and the 1800 employees in OSSE's Department of Transportation. The General Counsel is responsible for OSSE's legal support to the Education Licensure Commission. The General Counsel is the legal liaison to other agencies and their respective counsel, working on issues of mutual legal interest. The General Counsel provides legal support to the Office of Attorney General's litigators at both the trial and appellate level, in the District's continuing efforts to exit special education consent decrees.

The prospective candidate should have previous managerial experience and an ability to think both creatively and strategically with regard to the overall operations of the General Counsel's office, including its budget. The candidate must have litigation experience. The successful candidate must have excellent oral and written communication skills and possess experience in education law and a desire to represent and effectuate positive change in the District of Columbia public schools. Candidate must have working knowledge of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA), Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and a broad range of District law. Experience in administrative procedure, regulatory issues, finance, internal controls; knowledge in employment and labor issues is also valuable.

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. The successful candidate must have a law degree and be a member of the District of Columbia Bar or eligible for waiver into the Bar within 360 days of their appointment. Open Until Filled. Screening and interviewing of applicants will begin on January 29, 2014.

\*Salary range is based on applicable rules, regulations and guidelines