



**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
ASSISTANT COUNSEL
OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (Norristown)**

The Pennsylvania Governor's Office of General Counsel seeks a licensed attorney to work as an Assistant Counsel in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Office of Chief Counsel's Southeast Regional Office in Norristown. The position will be classified as either an Attorney 1, 2, or 3 Non-Supervisory depending on the level of relevant experience possessed by the successful applicant. This position is eligible for part-time telework with an in-office requirement of three business days per week.

What You'll Do:

This attorney will be responsible for DEP's Southeast Region's oversight and administration of both state and federal environmental laws in southeast Pennsylvania. Attorneys within this office provide counseling and litigation services for DEP's environmental programs, including, Clean Water, Waterways and Wetlands, Safe Drinking Water, Environmental Cleanup, Waste Management, Air Quality, and Radiation Protection. The attorneys draft, negotiate and litigate enforcement actions arising from violation of Pennsylvania's environmental statutes, review and defend permitting actions, and counsel the regional clients on legal issues pertaining to program implementation.

Trial and appellate litigation generally occurs before the PA Environmental Hearing Board and state or federal courts. Counsel also review responses generated by the programs for Pennsylvania Right to Know Law requests. The work requires close coordination with DEP's management and technical staff, including geologists, engineers, chemists and biologists, and applicants must be comfortable with learning aspects of these scientific disciplines as necessary to provide sound counseling service and to conduct effective direct and cross examination of both lay and expert witnesses during litigation.

What We're Looking For:

The successful candidate for this position will have demonstrated: (1) solid legal research, analysis and reasoning capabilities; (2) superior inter-personal and communication skills, especially oral and written advocacy; (3) an ability to identify and resolve complicated and sensitive problems creatively and with professional discretion; (4) an ability and willingness to handle a wide variety of complex legal matters both independently and as part of a team; and (5) an ability to interact and function effectively within both the greater legal community and a governmental organization.

Why Join OGC?

At OGC, you're not just practicing law—you're shaping the future of Pennsylvania. We offer a career filled with purpose, opportunities for professional growth, and the chance to make a difference. Here's what you can expect:

- **Comprehensive Benefits:** Top-tier health care options, retirement plans, and generous paid time off.
- **Work-Life Balance:** Excel in your career while having the time to enjoy your personal life.
- **Continuous Learning:** A supportive culture that fosters ongoing professional development and advancement.

Joining our team means being part of a respected institution dedicated to legal excellence and public service. To learn more about OGC's mission and what it is like to be part of the OGC team, visit our website, at www.ogc.pa/careers.

Qualifications:

- Juris Doctor degree from an ABA-accredited law school.
- Active membership in good standing with the Pennsylvania Bar.

Apply Today!

Send your letter of interest, resume, and writing sample (no longer than 10 pages) by **October 18, 2024**, to ogchiring@pa.gov, directed to Derek Riker, Deputy Chief of Staff, 333 Market Street, 17th Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101.

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