

City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION
Job Vacancy Notice

Civil Service Title: Agency Attorney	Level: 02
Title Code No: 30087	Salary: \$80,387.00 / \$92,446.00* <i>*Minimum with two years of continuous city service</i>
Office Title: Staff Counsel	Work location: 42 Broadway, New York, NY <i>*Job location is on site</i>
Division/Work Unit: General Counsel Division	Number of Positions: 1
Job ID: 650352	Hours/Shift: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Job Description

THIS POSITION MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR REMOTE WORK FOR UP TO 2 DAYS PER WEEK, PURSUANT TO THE REMOTE WORK PILOT PROGRAM.

*****TO APPLY: EMAIL YOUR RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO DCWPJOBS@DCWP.NYC.GOV WITH THE JOB ID NUMBER AND POSITION NAME IN THE SUBJECT LINE.*****

The NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) protects and enhances the daily economic lives of New Yorkers to create thriving communities. DCWP licenses more than 45,000 businesses in more than 40 industries and enforces key consumer protection, licensing, and workplace laws that apply to countless more. By supporting businesses through equitable enforcement and access to resources and, by helping to resolve complaints, DCWP protects the marketplace from predatory practices and strives to create a culture of compliance. Through its community outreach and the work of its offices of Financial Empowerment and Labor Policy & Standards, DCWP empowers consumers and working families by providing the tools and resources they need to be educated consumers and to achieve financial health and work-life balance. DCWP also conducts research and advocates for public policy that furthers its work to support New York City's communities. For more information about DCWP and its work, call 311 or visit DCWP at nyc.gov/dcwp or on its social media sites, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

DCWP is seeking an experienced attorney to serve as Staff Counsel. This individual will enforce New York City's licensing and consumer protection laws by assisting in the regulation of specific industries, including debt collection agencies and construction labor providers, to combat illegal conduct and deceptive trade practices. The Staff Counsel will be responsible for industry-wide regulatory compliance initiatives, investigations and enforcement against businesses that violate the law, from inception to the resolution of matters, including representing the agency at proceedings before the New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) tribunal. Reporting to the Assistant General Counsel and Associate General Counsel for the Licensing Litigation Unit, Staff Counsel responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- conduct investigations and regulatory compliance projects of licensed and unlicensed businesses;
- draft legal documents and correspondence to licensees, businesses and their attorneys, other government agencies, respondents, the OATH tribunal, consumers, and third parties;
- assist in education and outreach, rule promulgation, and strategic planning, including research of federal and state case law and statutes;
- monitor legal trends and updates, and drafting memorandum on discrete legal issues; and
- conduct enforcement proceedings, including drafting and negotiating settlement agreements, drafting and filing notices or petitions, and representing the agency at OATH proceedings.

This is a great opportunity to join a dynamic team that strives to effectuate change and pursue matters that affect

millions of New York City residents, particularly in the debt collection area. The ideal candidate will be responsible for these functions, as well as for special projects and assignments related to consumer or licensee issues or to DCWP's operations. In addition, as part of these functions, the Staff Counsel is responsible for careful case project management and operational tasks necessary to support and effectuate this work.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

1. Admission to the New York State Bar; and either "2" or "3" below.
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In addition to meeting the minimum Qualification Requirements:

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PLEASE NOTE: New York City Residency is not required for this position.

Preferred Skills

- Demonstrated excellent verbal, written, interpersonal, analytical, problem-solving and time management skills;
- proficiency in conducting legal research and undertaking factual investigations, including reviewing documents and conducting witness interviews;
- demonstrated excellent legal research, writing skills and negotiation skills;
- comfort with data-driven analysis and strategic planning;
- ability to effectively interact with multi-functional teams comprised of attorney and non-attorney staff;
- ability to effectively manage multiple priorities with competing deadlines;
- litigation experience, including in New York State courts and before OATH; and
- experience and knowledge in consumer protection laws and administrative law.

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Additional Information

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The Office of Labor Policy & Standards (“OLPS”) enforces the City’s worker protection laws, including the [Paid Safe and Sick Leave Law](#), Fair Workweek scheduling laws that protect [fast food](#) and [retail](#) workers, and [Delivery Worker Laws](#) that protect app-based restaurant delivery workers. In OLPS’ large, citywide enforcement actions, teams of attorneys, data scientists, and investigators work together to obtain compensation owed to workers and improve employer compliance. Other programs include the [Freelance Isn’t Free Act](#) (FIFA) program, which assists freelance workers who have experienced wage theft and other violations, and our Paid Care Division, which focuses on workplace issues specific to nannies, housecleaners, home health aides, and other paid care workers. More information about our office is available at nyc.gov/workers.

DCWP is seeking an attorney with interest in issues affecting low-wage workers to enforce worker protections under all OLPS laws. The attorney will serve on the Investigations Team. Responsibilities include:

- Provide legal advice and support to investigators.
- Handle investigations, including obtaining evidence from workers and employers and collaborating with data scientists, attorneys, and investigators to evaluate it.
- Write findings letters to employers documenting investigation conclusions and employee relief owed.
- Investigate and settle wrongful termination cases, including fast-track retaliation cases and cases arising under the groundbreaking new “just cause” provisions of the Fair Workweek Law for fast food workers.

- Write letters, legal briefs, and legal research memos on matters related to enforcement and policy.
- Edit and draft Consent Orders and negotiate settlement terms with employers to resolve enforcement matters.

This position is an exciting opportunity to be involved with a growing office working on the next generation of labor laws. The ideal candidate enjoys the challenge of a complex investigation, collaborating with diverse teams, working with both attorneys and non-attorneys, and tackling novel legal and procedural questions creatively.

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- Commitment to social and economic justice and interest in addressing the challenges faced by low-wage workers.
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- Experience working in government, including litigation, legislative, and/or investigative experience.
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