



Division of State Counsel

Litigation Bureau, Health and Human Services Practice Group – New York City

Assistant Attorney General

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Application Deadline is May 10, 2024

The **Health and Human Services Practice Group (HHSPG)** of the [Litigation Bureau](#) in the Office of the New York State Attorney General (OAG) is seeking an experienced litigator to serve in the New York City office.

The Litigation Bureau defends the State of New York and its agencies and officials in federal and state courts. The Bureau's cases are often high profile, frequently present complex questions of constitutional law and statutory interpretation, and generally have significant policy and financial implications for the State. The Bureau, one of the largest within the OAG, offers a diverse and stimulating practice with attorneys handling all phases of litigation from inception through trial. **This position provides an excellent opportunity for both experienced and newer attorneys to continue developing their litigation and trial skills.**

The HHSPG is comprised of three (3) Sections that principally represent:

- 1) the State's public health agencies, including the Department of Health, the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, and the Office of Professional Medical Conduct;
- 2) the State's mental health agencies, including the Office of Mental Health, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, and the Office of Addiction Services and Supports; and
- 3) the State's social service agencies, including the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Department of Health, and the Office of Children and Family Services.

Attorneys are assigned to a Section within the HHSPG, and each Section is led by a Section Chief and a Deputy Section Chief. This structure affords HHSPG attorneys significant access to and support from supervising attorneys, as well as opportunities for collaboration with peer attorneys, all while independently defending complex cases in federal and state court. HHSPG attorneys participate in all phases of litigation from inception to trial and frequently appear in court. HHSPG attorneys also engage in significant motion practice, often addressing issues of first impression in challenges to state statutes, regulations, and policies related to such complex social issues as vaccination requirements, First Amendment rights, physician discipline, child welfare, ADA integration mandates, and access to medical treatment and social services. HHSPG attorneys work on a number of class actions and complex litigations concerning challenges to important governmental programs in these areas as well.

Suitable candidates must possess the following minimum qualifications:

- At least **three (3) years** of post-graduate civil litigation experience in federal and New York state courts;
- Excellent legal analysis, legal writing and editing, and oral advocacy skills;
- Strong organizational, interpersonal communication, problem solving, and teamwork skills;
- Comfort with and proficiency using technology to complete legal work, including knowledge of and experience with various computer software programs and case management and electronic discovery platforms; and
- Prior complex litigation and trial experience are preferred, but not required.

Applicants must reside in (or intend to soon become a resident of) New York State and be admitted to practice law in New York State. **Prior admission, or eligibility for admission, to the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York is also required for this position.** In addition, the Public Officers Law requires that OAG attorneys be citizens of the United States. A two (2) year commitment upon being hired is a condition of employment.

As an employee of the OAG, you will join a team of dedicated individuals who work to serve the people of our State through a wide variety of occupations. To learn more about Assistant Attorney General compensation, please visit the following page: https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/assistant_attorney_general_compensation.pdf. We offer a comprehensive New York State benefits package, including paid leave, health, dental, vision, and retirement benefits, and family-friendly policies. Additionally, the OAG offers a robust Workplace Flexibilities Program with multiple options for employees, including telecommuting (up to two days per week) and alternative work schedules.

*Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.
The OAG is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to workplace diversity.*

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted online. To apply, please click on the following link: [LIT/HHSPG NYC AAG 3667](#)

To ensure consideration, applications must be received by close of business on May 10, 2024.

Applicants must be prepared to submit a complete application consisting of the following:

- **Cover Letter**
 - You may address your letter to the Legal Recruitment Unit.
 - Indicate the position title and reference number (e.g., Assistant Attorney General, LIT/HHSPG_NYC_AAG_3667).
 - Indicate why are interested in this position and what makes you a strong candidate.
- **Resume**
- **Legal Writing Samples**
 - Please provide at least two writing samples (trial court memoranda of law are preferred) that you believe best demonstrate your legal writing and analytical abilities.
 - Please upload these as one document in the field that is provided
- **List of three (3) references**
 - Only submit professional references, supervisory references are preferred.
 - For each reference, indicate the nature and duration of your relationship.
 - Include contact information and email addresses for each reference.
 - Please note that your references will not be contacted until after you interview for the position.

If you have questions regarding a position with the OAG and the application process or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact Legal Recruitment via email at recruitment@ag.ny.gov or phone at 212-416-8080.

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