



Division of Regional Affairs
Deputy Attorney General
Reference No. DRA_DAG_3668

Application Deadline is April 26, 2024

Senior Management Opportunity for Attorneys | Position Availability Statewide

The Office of the New York State Attorney General (OAG) is seeking an experienced attorney to serve as Deputy Attorney General (DAG) for the [Division of Regional Affairs](#).

Regional Affairs is made up of the Attorney General's thirteen Regional Offices, which are located throughout New York State in Binghamton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Harlem, Nassau, Plattsburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Suffolk, Syracuse, Utica, Watertown, and Westchester. There are more than 200 attorneys and support staff in the Division.

Regional Affairs is responsible for representing and defending the State, its officers, and agencies in actions in federal and state courts. In addition, it enforces laws designed to prohibit discrimination and to protect the rights of consumers, senior citizens, tenants, and immigrants, among others, and is responsible for regulatory matters involving charities. Recently, the Attorney General's Regional Offices added two specialized statewide enforcement units to support new initiatives. The newly formed Extreme Risk Protection Order ("ERPO") Unit is responsible for representation, training, and outreach for the New York State Police in connection with [New York's Red Flag Law](#). The Cannabis Enforcement Unit works with the New York State Office of Cannabis Management to enforce the Cannabis Law, bringing actions to address [unlicensed sales activity](#) throughout the state and supporting local authorities through relevant enforcement trainings. Finally, each Regional Office plays an important role in local outreach and engagement, sponsoring events that educate and provide resources to communities in the regions. The Division is headed by the Chief Deputy Attorney General (CDAG) and each Regional Office is headed by an Assistant Attorney General-in-Charge (AAGIC). The Deputy Attorney General will report directly to the CDAG for Regional Affairs and assist the CDAG with leading the division and managing the statewide legal practice and operations.

Duties:

- Assist the CDAG with the management and oversight of the Division's defensive and affirmative dockets and daily operations with an emphasis on the defensive practice;
- Review, recommend, and implement workflows, reporting, and tracking mechanisms to ensure consistent practices across the Regional Offices defensive and affirmative dockets with an emphasis on the defensive practice;
- Work closely with Regional Office AAGICs, particularly in connection with oversight of significant defense matters, and provide legal and strategic support as needed;
- Collaborate with State Counsel DAGs and managers to promote consistent inter-divisional litigation practice, processes, and policies;
- Review and approve AAG state and federal court settlement recommendations;
- Help develop and coordinate statewide community outreach and education;
- Help oversee and expand the Division's professional development programming, including recruitment, training, mentorship, and accountability.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must have at least **ten (10) years** of litigation experience, including trial and/or complex civil litigation experience;
- Prior experience leading teams of attorneys is preferred;
- Prior experience interfacing with governmental agencies and officials is also preferred;

- Excellent organizational, advocacy, legal writing, and communication skills;
- Strong interpersonal and relationship management skills;
- Availability for regular travel within New York State, including periodic overnight trips; and a
- Demonstrated commitment to public service.

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. 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.

The annual salary for this position is \$195,098 + \$3,087 in location pay (if applicable). 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. 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 by email. To apply, please submit your complete application, including each of the items identified below, to recruitment@ag.ny.gov. Applicants must indicate both the position title and reference number (Deputy Attorney General, DRA_DAG_3668) in the email subject line and in their cover letter.

To ensure consideration, applications must be received by close of business on April 26, 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.
 - Include the position title and reference number (Deputy Attorney General, DRA_DAG_3668).
 - Indicate your location preference(s): either Binghamton, Buffalo, Nassau, New York City, Plattsburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Suffolk, Syracuse, Utica, Watertown, and/or Westchester.
 - Indicate why you are interested in this position and what makes you a strong candidate. You may wish to include information about what life experiences you will bring to the position that will enhance the Office's ability to better serve the diverse population of this state.
- **Resume**
- **Legal Writing Sample**
- **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.

For more information about the OAG, please visit our website: ag.ny.gov