



**Division of State Counsel
Litigation Bureau – Mental Health Section
Assistant Attorney General – New York City
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The Mental Health Section of the [Litigation Bureau](#) in the New York State Office of the Attorney General is seeking an experienced and motivated litigator to serve in the New York City office.

The Litigation Bureau defends the State of New York and its agencies and officers in state and federal courts in civil actions and proceedings relating to civil rights, education, social services, public employment, public health, law enforcement, corrections, state finance, insurance, taxation, and other matters arising out of state legislation, regulation, and operations.

Attorneys assigned to the Mental Health Section of the Litigation Bureau primarily defend the Office of Mental Health, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and their facilities and officers in constitutional, civil rights, and employment litigation. Among other things, the Mental Health Section handles class actions and complex civil rights litigation challenging important policies, practices, and programs concerning the care and treatment of individuals with mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, and addictions to substances. The Section's litigation addresses a wide range of issues, including alleged substantive and procedural due process violations, employment discrimination, First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and religion, and constitutional challenges to state statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the attorneys in the Mental Health Section represent the Office of Mental Health in involuntary civil commitment proceedings under the Mental Hygiene Law as well as retention hearings under the Criminal Procedure Law. Attorneys handle all phases of litigation from inception through trial and appear in court frequently.

Applicants must have at least two (2) years of post-graduate legal experience. The ideal candidate will have two (2) or more years of federal and/or state court civil litigation experience, which may include judicial clerkships. Superior writing, analytic, oral advocacy, and organizational skills are required. Superior writing, analytic, oral advocacy, and organizational skills are 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. In addition, the Public Officers Law requires that attorneys in the OAG be citizens of the United States. A two (2) year commitment upon being hired is a condition of employment.

*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 are being received online. To apply, please click on this link: [LIT AAG/MHS NYC 3128](#); applicants will be taken to the online application page for this position. Applicants must be prepared to submit a complete application consisting of the following:

- [Cover Letter](#) (You may address to Sandra Jefferson Grannum, Esq., Bureau Chief, Legal Recruitment)
- [Resume](#)
- List of three (3) [references](#) with contact information and email addresses
- Law school [transcript](#) if less than five (5) years post-graduate (unofficial is acceptable)
- [Writing Sample](#)

Please note: Failure to submit a complete application will delay the consideration of your application.

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

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