

Social Security touches the lives of millions, providing vital services and a social safety net through retirement, disability and survivor benefits. Join the talented and dedicated attorney team supporting these services in the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) in New York, New York. In addition to the opportunity to handle meaningful and challenging legal work, we offer comprehensive benefits and a professional, team-oriented and flexible work environment.

OGC attorneys provide comprehensive legal advice and representation supporting the administration of SSA's complex benefit programs. Primary responsibilities include:

- Handling federal court cases challenging agency policies, procedures and benefit/disability claim determinations (appellate-style litigation); and/or
- Handling employment and labor disputes before administrative agencies and arbitrators (trial-type litigation).

Attorneys may also provide general legal advice on a wide range of other topics including family law, trusts, employment law, labor relations, torts, ethics, bankruptcy, civil rights, FOIA and privacy. Attorneys work independently and have significant responsibility for their own caseloads, but also work in a collaborative environment with intensive initial training, mentoring and support.

Candidates should have a strong desire to serve the public; be able to manage a busy caseload with fast-paced deadlines and competing priorities; and have excellent research, writing and communication skills. For candidates interested in employment work, strong litigation experience or aptitude (including electronic discovery) is desired. We encourage candidates with diverse backgrounds, qualities and experiences to apply. Applicants **must hold a law degree** from a School of Law accredited by the American Bar Association and must be a member **in good standing** of the Bar of a State, the District of Columbia, or U.S. Territory.

To apply: send a cover letter, resume, law school transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable), proof of active membership in the bar a State, Washington, D.C., or U.S. Territory (unofficial proof is acceptable), and a legal writing sample of no more than 15 pages that reflects your own work to: **NY.OGC.Resumes@ssa.gov**. Veterans who qualify for a veteran's preference must so indicate in their cover letter and must submit a copy of the DD-214 or SF-15 forms.

To learn more about working for SSA, visit <https://www.ssa.gov/careers/index.html>. The starting salary is at the GS-11, GS-12, or GS-13 level, based upon experience, and may be viewed at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2020/NY.pdf>. SSA provides equal opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, age, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, political affiliation, and conduct not adversely affecting employee performance. To request a reasonable accommodation for any part of the job application process contact the Office of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity at (212) 264-4513.

What to expect next: Applicants considered for selection may be required to provide additional writing samples or official transcripts. Reference checks and background investigations will be necessary for selected candidates.