

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

JOB TITLE: ATTORNEY II

UNIT: PUBLIC ACCESS AND DATA GOVERNANCE UNIT (LEGAL SERVICES)

LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO OR SACRAMENTO, CA

JOB OPENING: 5976

OVERVIEW

The Legal Services office of the Judicial Council of California provides quality, timely, and ethical legal advice and services to the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, and trial courts, and to the Judicial Council, its advisory bodies, and staff.

Legal Services is currently searching for an attorney to join its dynamic San Francisco or Sacramento law office made up of a highly skilled workforce that provides effective legal support to judicial branch clients on challenging, varied, and significant legal issues. The Public Access and Data Governance Unit attorney supports the Judicial Council and all California appellate and trial courts. The attorney will provide legal guidance and assistance to the Judicial Council and all state courts regarding a full range of judicial branch data governance and public access issues, for example, guiding development of judicial branch data policies and standards, while also advising on public access questions about judicial branch records, meetings, and proceedings. The attorney will independently manage a workload in a collegial and collaborative environment.

Attorneys within the Legal Services office often support the work of units other than their primary assignment. Depending upon experience, the attorney who fills this position may be called upon to work with other Legal Services units to provide written legal opinions, staff advisory bodies, draft rules of court and legislation, and manage litigation.

The Judicial Council strives for work life balance and includes substantial vacation and holiday time. In addition, we offer an excellent benefits package including pension, medical, dental, and vision coverage, flexible spending, up to \$130 per month reimbursement for qualifying commuting costs, and retirement savings plans. The successful candidate will be expected to work in the Judicial Council's San Francisco or Sacramento office; hybrid work options for employees who live in areas surrounding these locations may be considered.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide legal analysis, guidance, and assistance to the Judicial Council and all state courts to support development and implementation of a judicial branch data governance model addressing issues related to data collection, access, sharing, analysis, retention, reporting, and disclosure.
- Provide legal analysis, guidance, and assistance to support the Judicial Council, its advisory bodies, and staff in developing and responding to proposed legislation, rules, policies, and standards for judicial branch data governance and data sharing.
- Provide legal analysis, guidance, and assistance to the Judicial Council and all state courts on data-

related and other public records requests and the actions necessary for compliance with rule 10.500 of the California Rules of Court and the common law right of access to court records.

- Provide legal analysis and guidance to the Judicial Council and all state courts on ancillary issues related to judicial branch data governance and public access, for example, drafting and reviewing data sharing agreements, and advising on privacy rights, the attorney-client privilege, and judicial branch records management and retention.
- Provide legal analysis and guidance to the Judicial Council, its advisory bodies, and staff about open meeting requirements under the California Rules of Court.
- Research and advise on emerging issues such as remotely conducted judicial branch meetings and court proceedings, remote public access to court records and proceedings, and public access litigation challenges.
- Perform other legal duties and responsibilities of the Legal Services office as needed.
- Assist with projects or matters for the office or other units in areas of experience or expertise, including litigation, employment, transactions, legal opinions, rules and projects, and real estate.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Juris doctor, and three (3) years of relevant post-bar legal experience as a practicing attorney.

After passing a state bar, work experience as a law clerk to a federal or state judge prior to formal bar admission will be considered qualifying experience.

LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Current active membership with the State Bar of California prior to hire.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Exceptional legal research, analytical, and oral and written communication skills.
- Experience researching, analyzing, and writing legal memoranda and other materials addressing and advising clients concerning complex areas of law.
- Experience advising governmental clients on data governance questions and related legal issues;
- Experience providing legal advice on one or more of the following areas of the law:
 - Rule 10.500 and public access to judicial administrative records, the California Public Records Act (CPRA), or the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA);
 - Open meeting laws and rules of court;
 - Court operations and administration, including court technology, records management, and public access to court proceedings; and
 - Judicial branch governance.

SKILLS

- Excellent critical thinking, problem solving capabilities, and judgment;
- Superior oral and written communication, interpersonal, diplomacy, and public speaking skills;
- Ability to present issues and advocate positions clearly, concisely, and logically;
- Ability to listen and consider different points of view;
- Ability to manage workloads, coordinate deadlines, and prioritize competing demands;
- Ability to work efficiently and independently but with close supervision of final work product;
- Ability to collaborate as a team player with a positive and enthusiastic attitude;
- Experience using electronic legal research tools, and researching legislative histories; and
- Comfort with business equipment and desktop applications in common usage in the legal industry.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please note, if you are selected for hire, verification of employment authorization to work in the United States will be required.

HOW TO APPLY

This position is Open Until Filled and requires the submission of our official application, responses to the supplemental questions, and a resume. To ensure consideration of your application for the earliest round of interviews, please apply by **Monday, August 7, 2023**.

To complete an online application, go to job opening #5976 at <https://www.courts.ca.gov/careers.htm>

The Judicial Council provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities who request such accommodation. Reasonable accommodation needs should be requested through Human Resources at (415) 865-4260. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (415) 865-4272.

PAY & BENEFITS

Monthly Salary Range:

\$12,248 - \$14,695 per month

Some highlights of our benefits package include:

- Health/Dental/Vision benefits program
- 14 paid holidays per calendar year
- Choice of Annual Leave or Sick/Vacation Leave
- 1 personal holiday per year
- Up to \$130 per month reimbursement for qualifying commuting costs
- Pre-Tax Parking Savings Program
- CalPERS Retirement Plan
- 401(k) and 457 deferred compensation plans
- Employee Assistance Program
- Basic Life and AD&D Insurance
- FlexElect Program
- Long Term Care Disability (employee paid/optional)
- Group Legal Plan (employee paid/optional)

The Judicial Council of California Is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Supplemental Questionnaire

To better assess the qualifications of each applicant, we will review your responses to the following questions. Your answers should not exceed a total of two pages.

1. Please describe any experience you have with conducting legal research, and providing legal guidance and assistance, regarding data governance issues and the requirements of public records laws or of rule 10.500 of the California Rules of Court, and indicate the employer for which you performed that work.
2. Please explain why you are interested in this position and what skills would you bring to it.
3. Please state your date of admission to the State Bar of California.