

**RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
SENIOR LITIGATION COUNSEL – SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
CIVIL DIVISION, CONSUMER & ECONOMIC JUSTICE UNIT
PAYGRADE 8739 (\$105,571-\$122,585)
Or commensurate with experience
July 5, 2023 – August 31, 2023**

The Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General is seeking a litigator with extensive state and federal court experience to help lead the Office's consumer protection and antitrust enforcement. The Senior Litigation Counsel will be focused on developing and prosecuting civil consumer protection and antitrust claims against business preying on Rhode Islanders. This position provides a unique opportunity to utilize the Office's legal tools to protect the community and foster a fair and equitable marketplace.

About the Office of the Attorney General: The Attorney General is the state's top lawyer and law enforcement official, protecting and serving the people and interests of Rhode Island through a broad range of duties. Every day, the Office's attorneys fight to ensure the public safety of the state's communities, improve the economic security of its citizens, safeguard the state's spectacular natural resources, and restore the public's trust in government. Assistant and Special Assistant Attorneys General represent the people of Rhode Island in civil and criminal matters before trial courts, appellate courts, and the supreme courts of Rhode Island and the United States. The Office is unique among attorneys general offices across the country. Out of fifty states, only two other offices share the same broad criminal mission. The Office's attorneys prosecute complex and violent crimes but also functionally serve as one of the nation's largest district attorney's offices, prosecuting all felonies throughout the state.

Public Protection Bureau and Consumer & Economic Justice Unit: The Public Protection Bureau has been recently created within the Civil Division of the Attorney General's office and is comprised of four units – Healthcare, Consumer and Economic Justice, Environmental and Energy and Civil & Community Rights. Each of these units affirmatively develops legal work and initiatives by using the legal authority of the Office of Attorney General to advance and protect dignity, quality of life, and equity for all Rhode Islanders.

The mission of the Consumer and Economic Justice Unit is to protect Rhode Islanders and Rhode Island businesses and workers from unfair, deceptive, fraudulent, or anti-competitive trade practices. Unit staff has the ability to make a direct and meaningful impact on their local community while working in an interesting and evolving area of the law. The Unit handles complex, fast-moving, and high-stakes matters on behalf of the State ranging from multi-state antitrust lawsuits against big tech to false advertising claims against businesses preying on Rhode Islanders. This work utilizes a broad range of legal tools across industries working on timely and impactful issues. The Unit is comprised of attorneys and non-attorney investigators and has direct responsibility for educating consumers, fielding consumer complaints, and responding directly to constituents. The Unit maintains offices in Cranston and Providence.

Duties and Opportunities: For this position, a Special Assistant Attorney General will be responsible for developing, leading, and supporting litigation and other initiatives to protect consumers and the market. The SAAG in this position will be responsible for identifying

appropriate novel areas of investigation, identifying local, national, and regional trends, leading investigations of potential cases, pre-trial litigation, negotiation, written and oral argument, trial work, and appeals. Responsibilities also include close work with consumers, investigators, community advocates, federal enforcers, and other Attorney General offices on multistate litigation. This work may be in one or more of a broad range of civil areas including: administrative law, antitrust, consumer and deceptive practices, data protection & privacy and charitable trusts. The applicant will be expected to carry a full civil litigation caseload in the capacity as first chair, and be expected to draft, file, and argue motions/legal memoranda, as well as litigate, in state and federal court.

Opportunities for Special Assistant Attorneys General in the Civil Division are offered to ensure professional growth and development. Opportunities include attending National Association of Attorney General trainings and conferences throughout the country, serving on state, local, federal, and/or non-profit boards, commissions, working groups, and/or task forces as a designee of the Attorney General, providing substantive expertise to legislative or policy initiatives, and supervising student interns as part of the Office's legal internship program.

Eligibility: The successful applicant must have a law degree from an accredited law school and be an active member in good standing of the bar of any jurisdiction. If not a member of the Rhode Island Bar, the candidate must be eligible for admission to the Rhode Island bar and prepared to sit for the bar exam or obtain admission through score transfer.

Qualifications: At least 10 years of litigation experience is preferred but not mandatory. Candidates must have strong written/oral advocacy and negotiating skills and possess the capacity to function in a sometimes-high stress, demanding environment. Extensive experience in both state and federal court is preferred.

If applying for position via mail or email, there is no need to also apply through online system.

Application Process: Applicants should submit a (1) a cover letter summarizing why you are interested and describing the skills and abilities you possess that will enable you to succeed in this position, (2) resume, (3) list of three references, and (4) a writing sample to:

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Equal Opportunity Employer: The Attorney General's Office is stronger, more credible, and more capable when its attorneys bring diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives to their work. The Office encourages all qualified applicants from all ethnic and racial backgrounds, veterans, LGBTQ individuals, and persons with disabilities to apply.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, disability, or covered veteran status.

Other Information: Finalists will be subject to a full background investigation including reference checks. All offers of employment are contingent upon successful completion of the background investigation, receipt of letters of good standing from each Bar in which the applicant is a member, and membership in good standing with, or admission into, the Rhode Island Bar. In certain limited circumstances, applicants may be hired pending temporary or full admission.