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CITY ATTORNEY  

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT  

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY  

CIVIL BRANCH  

PORT OF LOS ANGELES (POLA) DIVISION  

SALARY RANGE: $107,991 - $206,524  

POSITION:  
Attorney in the Port of Los Angeles Legal Division of the City Attorney’s Office.  

DIVISION:  
The Port of Los Angeles (POLA) Division is responsible for all legal matters concerning the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Los Angeles Harbor Department. The Division has a significantly diversified caseload with numerous matters pending in both state and federal courts. In addition, the Division prepares and processes the transactional matters, including but not limited to permits, leases, and contracts for all Harbor Department operations.  

The POLA Division is located at Los Angeles Harbor Administration Building, 425 S. Palos Verdes, 5th Floor, San Pedro, CA 90731.  

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:  
Division attorneys work closely with the Harbor Department Commissioners, management and staff on a wide variety of legal matters pertaining to the operation of the Port. A substantial portion of the work of the Division involves the following:  

1. Litigating cases in both Federal and State Courts involving real estate (including landlord-tenant disputes and unlawful detainer), environmental matters (including federal Clean Air Act, CERCLA, CEQA and NEPA), bidding and contract disputes (including construction projects), personnel matters, and personal injury and tort liability actions, vessel seizures under federal admiralty laws, Port Police civil liability, and the California Public Records Act.  

2. Preparing and negotiating complex, and often financially significant, long-term contracts, leases and permits involving real estate, personal service agreements, and construction and supply contracts.
3. Providing advice and representation concerning environmental matters, including CEQA, NEPA, CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and other laws related to environmental compliance, the Coastal Act and related permits, soil contamination and remediation matters, and air and water quality and greenhouse gas - climate change regulations.

4. Providing advice and representation in matters involving construction law, contracts, leases, landlord/tenant real estate, bidding, Charter interpretation, the Brown Act, the California Public Records Act, ethics laws, tort liability, insurance, municipal finance, labor and personnel matters, and Public Trust Doctrine, including tidelands and submerged land issues.

5. Participating in proceedings before a variety of administrative bodies, including the Federal Maritime Commission, California Coastal Commission, Air Quality Management District, California Air Resources Board, Department of Toxic Substances Control and Regional Water Quality Control Board.

6. Providing general counsel services to the Board of Harbor Commissioners, the Executive Director, Harbor Department management team and staff, subcommittees of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, and affiliated joint powers authorities such as the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority JPA (ACTA) and Intermodal Container Transfer Facility JPA (ICTF). The attorney’s role also includes representation and coordination of Harbor Department matters with Los Angeles City Council, and other City departments.

7. Provide litigation support and strategy for labor and employment litigation and/or automobile liability risk, including pre-trial and trial liability defense.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**
Applicants for this position must have a license to practice law in all of the courts in the State of California. Additional requirements include:
- Three years relevant legal experience in one or more of the above-listed expertise areas.
- Demonstrated experienced in civil litigation in the areas of property damage and personal injury defense and/or labor and employment litigation.
- Applicants must also possess the ability to deal effectively with public officials, non-attorney department personnel and members of the public.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

Additional desirable qualifications include:
- Familiarity with governmental ethics and open government laws.

**WRITING SAMPLE:**
Candidates are required to submit a recent writing sample which may be a recent brief, research memo or legal memorandum.

**PROBATION:**
Appointment to these exempt positions (non-Civil-Service) will be subject to a two (2) year probationary period as required by Section 1050 of the City Charter. Successful completion of the two (2) year probationary period will result in tenure with the office.
APPLICATION AND DEADLINE: Attorneys interested in applying should submit their resume, cover letter specifying **DCA – PORT OF LOS ANGELES DIVISION**, and writing sample, which may be a recent brief, research memo, or legal memorandum in **ONE (1) PDF FILE** to atty.recruit@lacity.org.

Position announcement will remain open until position is filled.

Selected applicants who meet the required qualifications will be invited to interview.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: This position is designated Category 7 on Schedule B of the Conflict of Interest Code.

AS A COVERED ENTITY UNDER TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY AND, UPON REQUEST, WILL PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO ITS PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. TO REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE CALL (213) 978-7160.