



MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Ministry of Labour and Social Security invites applications from suitably qualified professionals to fill the following position:-

Crown Counsel (JLG/LO 3) (Not Vacant)- Legal Services Unit, North Street

Applications are invited from suitably qualified officers to fill the position of **Crown Counsel (JLG/LO 3) (Not Vacant) with the Legal Services Unit, North Street.**

Job Purpose

Under the general direction and management of the Senior Assistant Attorney General, the Crown Counsel provides advice and guidance on a range of legal matters to support the work of Ministers and Cabinet/Financial/Permanent Secretary in the strategic management of a discrete ministry.

Key Outputs

- Legal research and provision of legal advice, opinions and reports conducted and provided
- Legal documents prepared
- Legal representation
- Cabinet Submissions and draft Bills reviewed, and comments provided
- Legal advice and Opinions
- Individual workplan

Key Responsibility Areas

Technical/Professional Responsibilities

- Conducts a range of legal research to provide legal guidance and support in furtherance of the mission critical functions of the Ministry and its subjects;
- Prepares written opinions and advice on a range of legal matters impacting the Ministry and its subjects;
- Provides legal support to the Ministry and its subjects in the preparation of Cabinet Submissions and Drafting Instructions in respect of items on the legislative programme;
- Provides legal support to Ministry during policy development in relation to matters to form part of the legislative programme;
- Assists in the preparation of Bills for tabling and provide legal support in the preparation of the Minister's Briefs;
- Prepares, assists, reviews and amends legal documents or instruments required by the Ministry and its subjects;
- Drafts or reviews Agreements, Contracts or Memoranda of Understanding;
- Prepares legal briefs to the Senior Assistant Attorney-General to support the escalation of nuance or highly complex legal matters or matters of national importance to obtain legal advice from the DSG;
- Prepares briefs for the review of the Senior Assistant AG for the attention of the Department of Legal Reform or the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel requesting comments on draft Cabinet Submissions;
- Provides comments on draft Bills or draft policy papers submitted by other Ministries or Departments;
- Responds to queries or provide information as necessary or required;
- Assists in preparing, collating and executing Affidavits and other evidentiary matters in litigation involving the Ministry or its subjects;
- Follows-up and provides updates on legal matters and attends hearings on behalf of the Ministry;
- Reviews and advise on legal implications of internal policies and procedures;
- Provides legal advice to ministry on all areas of law;
- Represent the Ministry by participating on inter-ministerial committees or teams in relation to legislation or policy in which the Ministry has an interest;
- Remains current on GOJ policies/initiatives in an effort to add value and inform decision making;

- Remains competent and current through self-directed professional reading, developing professional contacts with colleagues, maintaining membership in professional organizations and participating in AGC initiatives.

Management/Administrative Responsibilities

- Contributes to the development of the LSU's Strategic and Operational Plan and Budget;
- Develops Individual Work Plans based on alignment to the Division's Plan;
- Participates in meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences as required;
- Prepares reports and project documents as required;
- Prepares and delivers legal presentations as needed.

Human Resources Responsibilities

- Participates in preparation and implementation of presentations on role of Division/Unit for the Orientation/On-boarding programme;
- Contributes and maintains a harmonious working environment.

Other Responsibilities

- Performs all other related duties and functions as may be required from time to time by Senior Assistant Attorney-General and respective senior executives in the ministry.

Required Competencies

Core

- Excellent interpersonal and team management skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong customer relations skills
- Excellent planning and organizing skills
- Excellent judgment and decision-making skills
- Ability to influence and motivate others
- Proficiency in the use of relevant computer applications

Technical

- Excellent legal research and analytical skills;
- In-depth and extensive knowledge of the Laws of Jamaica and the broad field of law or practice relating to Constitutional and legislative Affairs;
- Highly developed knowledge of the mandate, objectives, strategies, policies, and environment of the AGC-HQ and assigned LSUs;
- Excellent knowledge of the English legal system and the legal framework of Government;
- Excellent written and verbal communication including presentation skills and the ability to communicate legal information in a manner which can be understood by decision makers and users;
- Ability to exercise sound judgement and convictions of purpose in unfavourable or unpopular situations;
- Problem solving and negotiation/facilitation skills and experience;
- An excellent understanding of the machinery of government, including particularly the Jamaican context and the current challenges facing the GOJ;
- Ability to create commitment to a strong and consistent customer service philosophy;
- Energy and resilience; the personal capacity to see the bigger picture and be able to navigate obstacles, ambiguity and change;
- Advanced IT skills in relation to Word, PowerPoint, Excel and MS Project and associated legal software.

Minimum Required Qualification and Experience

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB);
- Legal Education Certificate;
- 3 - 4 years' experience at the Bar.

Special Conditions Associated with the Job

- Work will be conducted in an office outfitted with standard office equipment and specialized software. The environment is fast paced with on-going interactions with critical stakeholders and meeting tight deadlines which will result in high degrees of pressure, on occasions. May be required to travel locally and internationally to attend conferences, seminars and meetings.

Authority

- Develops legal opinions and guidance under the guidance of the Assistant AG

Please visit <https://www.lmis.gov.jm/> and submit applications accompanied by resumes no later than **Thursday, April 17, 2025** addressed to

Senior Director, Human Resource Management and Development
Ministry of Labour and Social Security,
14 National Heroes Circle, Kingston 4

Applications and resumes may also be sent to: resume@mlss.gov.jm
The complete job descriptions may be viewed on our website at: - www.mlss.gov.jm
Please note that only shortlisted persons will be contacted.