

LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

REAL PROPERTY & ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

MUNICIPAL LAW BRANCH

OPENING:

There is an immediate opening for an experienced environmental attorney in the Real Property & Environment Division of the Municipal Law Branch.

DIVISION:

The Real Property & Environment Division provides legal advice and services to the Mayor and the City Council as well as various City departments on issues relating to the City's ownership, acquisition, disposal and use of land, and on environmental matters, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and hazardous waste matters. These services include drafting leases, contracts, ordinances and other documents, and litigating direct and inverse condemnation actions, unlawful detainer actions, and hazardous material claims within the Division's areas of practice.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Attorneys assigned to this position will provide advice to all City departments, Council members, and the Mayor's office; appear at commission, committee and Council meetings, and handle litigation matters; all relating to CEQA and other environmental statutes. The litigation typically consists of defending petitions for writs of mandate in the superior court and related appeals, and will occupy at least half of the attorney's time. Advice matters will have an emphasis on the application of CEQA to plan level documents.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required qualifications:

Minimum five (5) years of civil litigation practice in California and/or Federal Courts. Minimum three (3) years of experience advising and litigating matters under CEQA and/or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The following qualifications are highly desirable:

- Experience advising planning agencies on the application of CEQA to plan level documents;
- An understanding of land use law, in particular General Plans, Community Plans, Specific Plans, overlay zones and other plan level documents;
- Demonstrated research and writing skills in complex areas of law;
- Ability to deal effectively with public officials, departmental personnel and members of the public;
- Experience with municipal law, including the Ralph M. Brown Act and Public Records Act;

- Ability to work efficiently and make decisions practically and independently;
- Strong oral communication skills; and
- Appellate experience.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

To assist in selecting the most qualified candidates for this position, applicants are required to provide a brief written summary of their experience within this Office. Previous experience or training which is pertinent may also be included.

WRITING SAMPLE:

Applicants are required to submit a writing sample.

APPLICATION AND DEADLINE:

Attorneys interested in applying should submit their resume, cover letter indicating, **DCA – REAL PROPERTY DIVISION**, summary of qualifications, and writing sample to David Villegas **via email only** to David.Villegas@lacity.org by **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014.**

Selected applicants will be invited to interview.

CONTACT:

Questions regarding the position should be directed to Tim McWilliams at (213) 978-8209.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

This position is designated Category 2 on Schedule B of the Conflict of Interest Code.

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