



State of Connecticut
Office of the Attorney General
Assistant Attorney General I or II
CHILD PROTECTION Section

CLASS TITLE: Assistant Attorney General-I OR
Assistant Attorney General-II

LOCATION: Child Protection Section

HOURS: Full-Time, 40 Hours per week

SALARY: AAG-II: \$116,650 annually (eff 7-1-2026)
AAG-I: \$95,875 annually (eff 7-1-2026)

CLOSE DATE: Search will Continue until Position is Filled

OVERVIEW:

The **CHILD PROTECTION SECTION** of the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General is currently accepting applications for the position of Assistant Attorney General-I (AAG-I) or Assistant Attorney General-II (AAG-II), depending on qualifications held by candidates. The Child Protection Section represents the Department of Children and Families in juvenile court cases by protecting children who have been abused and neglected, and by assisting with their placement into permanent safe homes. The Section conducts trials on a weekly basis and also performs a number of appeals before the Appellate and Supreme Courts. This is a rolling application process, and candidates are selected from a pool of qualified applicants for AAG I and AAG II roles.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

The Connecticut Office of the Attorney General offers challenging, interesting, and meaningful work. Our attorneys are given significant responsibility and hands-on experience early in their careers. We are dedicated to public service, and our fifteen legal departments offer a diverse and broad range of legal initiatives. The Office is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, and we welcome applications from all qualified candidates.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

An Assistant Attorney General in the Child Protection Section:

- performs complex legal work and may manage a full caseload
- researches, interprets, analyzes and applies relevant state and federal laws, statutes, regulations, and legislation
- prepares pleadings and other court filings
- serves as lead or co-counsel in trials
- may handle the preparation and presentation of appeals.



An Assistant Attorney General in the Child Protection Section will work independently, as well as part of a team, taking instruction from senior assistant attorneys general on complex matters as necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS:

At a minimum, applicants must be admitted to the Connecticut bar or be eligible to waive into the Connecticut bar, and be in good standing at the time of application. Ideal candidates will be passionate and enthusiastic about joining the Office of the Attorney General, and will have some or all of the following skills and attributes:

- Civil litigation experience, including some or all of the following:
 - drafting pleadings and motions
 - conducting hearings and trials
- Excellent legal writing ability and strong oral advocacy skills
- Strong legal research skills with a keen attention to detail
- Excellent analytical skills and the ability to work on complex issues
- Experience or interest in negotiating settlements and mediating issues
- Capable of independently managing and progressing a full caseload
- Excellent organizational and time-management skills
- Practical and creative problem-solving abilities
- Team player who enjoys collaborating with colleagues

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

If you are interested in joining our Child Protection Section, please download our application package at the links below, and submit an application directly to Human Resources at susan.cavanaugh@ct.gov, with a copy to the Child Protection Section Chief at stephen.vitelli@ct.gov

Application:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/AG/Employment/AAG_Application.pdf

Additional Supplemental Documents and Instructions:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/AG/Employment/AAG-Instructions-to-candidates.pdf>