

**State of Connecticut Office of the Attorney General
Child Protection Attorney**

Class Title: Assistant Attorney General 1 or 2
Location: Hartford, Connecticut
Hours: Full-time, 40 hours per week
Salary Range: Assistant Attorney General 1 - \$91,254
Assistant Attorney General 2 - \$111,028

Closing Date: Initial closing date of August 21, 2024; search will continue until position is filled.

Overview

The Office of the Attorney General is receiving applications for the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Child Protection Section. The Child Protection Section is dedicated to protecting children of the State of Connecticut from abuse and neglect. It represents the Department of Children and Families in juvenile court cases by protecting children who have been abused and neglected and assisting with their placement in permanent safe homes. The Section conducts trials on a weekly basis and also performs a number of appeals before the Appellate and Supreme Courts. There 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 Attorney General's Office offers challenging, interesting, and meaningful litigation 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 Sections 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 1 or 2 in the Child Protection Section performs complex legal work and may manage a full case load; 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 Attorneys General in the Child Protection Section will work independently and also as part of a team, taking instruction from senior assistant attorneys general on complex matters as necessary.

Qualifications

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. Preferably, ideal candidates are attorneys who are passionate and enthusiastic about joining the Attorney General's Office and have some or all of the following skills and attributes:

- Civil litigation experience, including some or all of the following: drafting pleadings and motions, and 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; and,
- Team player who enjoys collaborating with colleagues.

Application Instructions

If you are interested in joining the Child Protection Section of the Office of the Attorney General, please download our application materials at the links below and submit an application directly to Human Resources, c/o susan.cavanaugh@ct.gov, with a copy to stephen.vitelli@ct.gov. In the cover letter or email please note that you are applying for a position in our Child Protection Section.

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

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