

State of Connecticut
Office of the Attorney General
Consumer Protection Section Attorney Position
For Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

Class Title: Assistant Attorney General 1 or Assistant Attorney General 2
Location: Hartford, Connecticut
Hours: Full-time, 40 hours per week
Salary Range: Assistant Attorney General 1 - \$86,856.00-\$118,426.00 Yearly
Assistant Attorney General 2 - \$105,678.00-\$144,090.00 Yearly
(most attorneys new to state service start at the beginning range)
Open Date:
Closing Date: Initial closing date of; search will continue until positions are filled

Overview

The Consumer Protection Section of the Connecticut Attorney General's Office is seeking a highly motivated and hardworking attorney to represent the Attorney General and the people of the State of Connecticut in energy, utilities, telecommunications and related matters. This position demands outstanding litigation and writing skills in complex, consequential and fast-moving administrative proceedings as well as advising the Attorney General on related policy and legislation.

The attorney selected for this position will join an experienced team of professionals enforcing Connecticut's consumer protection laws. Attorneys in the Consumer Protection Section participate in and lead investigations and litigation to protect the rights of Connecticut consumers against everything from small-time scam artists to misconduct by the most powerful corporations in the world. To advance our mission, attorneys joining this Section will be expected to carry a large and diverse caseload, efficiently progress their cases to conclusion, respond quickly to new challenges and work both independently and as part of a team. Attorneys must also be committed to protecting Connecticut's consumers and doing justice by treating all parties fairly.

We welcome experienced attorneys as well as prospective/recent law school graduates to apply. A hybrid remote telework/in-office schedule option may be available upon supervisor approval.

Office of the Attorney General

The Connecticut Attorney General's Office 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 fourteen 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.

Consumer Protection Section

The Consumer Protection Section investigates and litigates consumer protection matters under the authority of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act ("CUTPA") and other state and federal

statutes. The Section also advises the Attorney General and the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection on consumer protection matters and represents and prosecutes and defends litigation on behalf of Department of Consumer Protection in court. The Section also investigates, litigates and advocates on behalf of Connecticut's energy and utility ratepayers in state and federal fora. In addition, the Consumer Protection Section proactively educates consumers on how to avoid becoming victims of unfair and deceptive trade practices.

Specific Responsibilities

The attorney hired for this position will represent the Attorney General in energy, utilities, and telecommunications matters affecting the daily lives of Connecticut residents, including consequential and high-profile administrative litigation, policy and legislation. The attorney will actively litigate before the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to hold utilities accountable, with potential work in state and federal courts and before other relevant regulatory bodies such as ISO New England. This position includes the opportunity for substantial administrative litigation including cross-examining utility and other witnesses in evidentiary hearings, briefing, and delivering oral argument. The attorney in this role will also have the opportunity to collaborate with professionals across the Connecticut Attorney General's Office as well as with state and federal partners.

Assistant Attorneys General in the Consumer Protection Section handle all phases of both affirmative and defensive matters. Affirmative work includes comprehensive investigations of potential violations of CUTPA and, where warranted, driving those cases to conclusion either through a negotiated resolution or litigation. Defensive work primarily involves representing the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection and other Connecticut agencies in litigation related to consumer protection matters. Attorneys must also work on legislative matters related to Connecticut's consumer protection laws, respond to consumer inquiries and, where appropriate, mediate resolutions. While managing a diverse caseload of larger and smaller matters, attorneys must collaborate with other Assistant Attorneys General and staff within our office, other states, and federal partners and work independently. To support the Section, attorneys must be willing to take on emergency matters or assist their colleagues on short notice. In-state and occasional out-of-state travel may be required.

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 or, if applying from law school, must be admitted to the Connecticut bar within one year of their appointment date. Ideal candidates are those who are passionate and enthusiastic about joining the Office of the Attorney General and have some or all of the following skills and attributes:

- Highly motivated to protect Connecticut consumers;
- Experience or interest in energy, utilities or telecommunications law;
- Experience or interest in conducting consumer protection investigations and litigation;
- Civil litigation experience or interest, including some or all of drafting pleadings and dispositive motions, managing discovery, and conducting hearings or trials;

- Experience or interest in administrative law;
- Strong written and oral communication skills;
- Strong 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 consumer issues;
- Capable of independently managing and progressing a full and diverse workload;
- Excellent organizational and time management skills;
- Eager to take on new challenges, including learning about emerging energy, utilities and telecommunications matters;
- Practical and creative problem-solving abilities;
- Team player who enjoys collaborating with colleagues; and
- Experience or interest in mastering electronic discovery.

Application Instructions

If you are interested in joining our Consumer Protection Section, please download our instructions and application package and submit directly to Human Resources, susan.cavanaugh@ct.gov with a copy to michael.wertheimer@ct.gov

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