

State of Connecticut
Office of the Attorney General
Special Counsel for Reproductive Justice and Civil Rights

Class Title: Assistant Attorney General 2
Location: Hartford, Connecticut
Hours: Full-time, 40 hours per week
Salary Range: Assistant Attorney General 2 - \$105,678.00 – \$144,090.00
(Attorneys new to state service typically start at the bottom of the pay scale)
Closing Date: Initial closing date November 15, 2022; search will continue until position is filled

Overview

The Special Counsel will coordinate litigation and policy advocacy to advance reproductive justice and civil rights on behalf of the state of Connecticut.

This is a critical moment for the right to abortion in the United States – and a unique opportunity for a skilled, creative advocate to make Connecticut a national leader in defending and expanding reproductive justice and civil rights more broadly. Connecticut has new statutes empowering the Attorney General to investigate and litigate to remedy civil rights violations and respond to deceptive advertising in reproductive services. Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 3-129g, 19a-912b. Policymakers are attentive to new solutions and proposals to advance civil rights. And multistate litigation offers state attorney generals an opportunity to drive national law change.

The Special Counsel for Reproductive Justice and Civil Rights will collaborate closely with office leadership in developing and implementing an advocacy agenda incorporating both litigation and policy reform. The ideal candidate will be an experienced litigator, a skilled oral and written communicator, and deeply committed to civil rights enforcement.

The Special Counsel will focus on abortion, contraception, gender-affirming care, and access to medical services. They may also litigate to protect civil rights in areas including immigrants' rights, workers' rights, the rights of LGBTQIA+ people, and housing rights. We may fill more than one position from this recruitment. A hybrid remote telework/in-office schedule option may be available upon supervisor approval.

Specific Responsibilities

- Litigation
 - Creatively identify opportunities for civil and reproductive rights litigation, both in Connecticut and nationally
 - Collaborate with AGO leadership in developing a long-term litigation strategy to protect and advance civil and reproductive rights on behalf of the state of Connecticut
 - Zealously and effectively represent the interests of the state of Connecticut in a docket of civil and reproductive rights cases in trial and appellate courts
 - Represent the state of Connecticut in multistate efforts to advance civil and reproductive rights
 - Other litigation projects as directed by AGO leadership
- Policy Advocacy

- Collaborate with AGO leadership and policy staff to develop and implement a state and national policy advocacy agenda to advance civil and reproductive rights
- Research and draft policy advocacy materials, including policy papers, legislative testimony, and rulemaking comments
- Build and maintain partnerships with stakeholders to advance the AGO’s civil rights policy agenda
- Organization and Administration
 - Prioritize responsibilities and use resources effectively and efficiently
 - Carefully keep electronic and paper records, and perform other administrative tasks as directed
 - Supervise law clerks and interns as appropriate
 - Other projects as directed by AGO leadership

The Special Counsel will serve as a member of the office’s Special Litigation Section, reporting directly to the Chief of the Special Litigation Section.

Qualifications

- Demonstrated commitment to protecting and advancing civil and reproductive rights
- Meaningful litigation experience in federal and/or state courts, with at least three years of experience in the practice of law
- Record of creativity in developing and implementing litigation strategies
- Excellent analytical ability and written and oral communication skills
- Demonstrated ability both to collaborate closely with colleagues and also to work independently when necessary
- Strong work ethic and keen attention to detail
- Excellent organizational and time management skills, including the ability to effectively manage a full caseload
- Admission to practice law in Connecticut will be required

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Application Instructions

Please download our application package at the link below and submit an application to susan.cavanaugh@ct.gov with a CV attached and copies to joshua.perry@ct.gov and maura.murphyosborne@ct.gov. The email’s subject line should be “Special Counsel Application – [YOUR NAME].”

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