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With nearly 8,000 employees and a wide-ranging mission, the Department of Law and Public Safety offers volunteer attorneys a unique opportunity to engage in complex civil and criminal litigation, while serving their community and the State. Whether you are interested in litigating cases making headlines, prosecuting violent or white collar crimes, or fighting on behalf of consumers, the Department of Law and Public Safety has a place for you.

We are looking for volunteer attorneys of the highest ability, possessing sound judgment and a commitment to public service and the State of New Jersey. If you meet this description, consider volunteering with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety.



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The Attorney General has developed a Volunteer Associates Program (VAP) for lawyers who are interested in public service in New Jersey. Many recent graduates and admitted attorneys with differing levels of experience have participated in the program since its inception in September of 2009. The VAP affords participants the opportunity to learn how state government works and offers exposure to new areas of the law.

The Attorney General's Volunteer Associates Program is open to all attorneys -- new graduates, deferred associates, furloughed or laid off attorneys or those re-entering practice after a hiatus.

Upon joining the program, volunteers have the opportunity to participate in a wide-range of legal activities. Volunteer associates are assigned to several of the Department's divisions, including the Division of Law, Division of Criminal Justice and the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor.

The Department currently has approximately 25 volunteer associates participating in the program, and there are additional volunteer opportunities for those interested. Volunteer associates are asked to commit to work at least 20 hours per week, for a period of 3-6 months in order to meet the program's objectives. Volunteer associates serve in an unpaid capacity, without benefits, but are not prohibited from receiving stipends from law firms or third parties, after a conflicts review has been conducted.

Those who can make substantial time commitments may be able to argue before the Office of Administrative Law, as well as State and Federal courts. Applicants who are admitted to the New Jersey Bar and able to commit to a longer period will be given a wider range of responsibilities, including the possibility of trial work. Ongoing supervision is provided to ensure that volunteers have a valuable educational and professional experience.

The program is specifically designed to provide participants with meaningful and rewarding work, as well as the opportunity to enhance their legal skills and foster professional development. The Office of the Attorney General currently has openings for volunteer associates in the Division of Law, Division of Criminal Justice and the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor.

Division of Law

Serving as the State's law firm, the Division of Law employs the largest number of attorneys within the Department of Law and Public Safety. These attorneys represent the State's interests in a broad range of matters, including protecting children from abuse and neglect, preserving the environment, ensuring the delivery of quality health care, protecting consumers, preserving the State's financial assets, and safeguarding civil rights. Volunteers for the Division of Law are assigned to the Division's separate sections.

Depending on interest and experience, volunteers may be asked to conduct depositions, perform research and write briefs, work with investigators or assist with discovery demands.

The work conducted by Division of Law attorneys touches on virtually every area of the law. Furthermore, the Division of Law has served as a training ground for many of New Jersey's current judges and policymakers. The Division of Law is committed to maintaining its longstanding and strong reputation for advocacy and dedication to public service, and volunteering provides you the opportunity to take part in that mission.

Division of Criminal Justice

The Attorney General serves as the State's Chief Law Enforcement Officer. The Division of Criminal Justice fulfills that role for the Attorney General, investigating and prosecuting crimes of statewide significance.

In addition to its prosecutorial function, the Division provides oversight, coordination and training standards for New Jersey law enforcement at the state, county and municipal levels. The Division also possesses primary responsibility for all New Jersey Supreme Court litigation involving criminal cases, handles all appellate work generated by Division prosecutions, and litigates appeals of statewide significance.

Volunteers are assigned to one of the following Bureaus: Appellate; Financial and Computer Crimes; Gangs and Organized Crime; Prosecutors Supervision and Training; and Specialized Crimes Bureaus. Volunteer associates are exposed to a variety of substantive areas of the law, and are expected to have excellent legal research, legal writing, and interpersonal communication skills.

Volunteers may be asked to conduct bail and sentencing hearings, appear before the court to argue motions, perform research and write briefs or work with investigators. The program provides a valuable experience to those interested in the criminal justice field.

Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor

The mission of the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor (OIFP) is to conduct full and fair investigations to ensure successful criminal prosecutions, civil adjudications, licensing sanctions or other appropriate dispositions and to serve as the focal point for the coordination of all anti-insurance fraud activities statewide.

The Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor (OIFP) is the focal point for all anti-insurance fraud activity in New Jersey. Volunteer associates in the OIFP are offered the opportunity to work closely with OIFP attorneys and investigators on a variety of important legal matters. Volunteers appear before the courts for sentencing hearings, motions and pleas, and conduct research and write briefs.



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