



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Assistant Attorney General
Public Access Unit

Posting Date: August 4, 2020

Closing Date: August 17, 2020

Job Title: Assistant Attorney General

Position Type: Regular Full Time

Location: Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland

Description: The Office of the Attorney General is seeking applicants for an attorney to serve as an Assistant Attorney General representing the Public Access Ombudsman and the Public Information Act Compliance Board. The Ombudsman is charged with making reasonable attempts to resolve disputes arising under the Public Information Act and investigating specific PIA practices. The PIA Compliance Board decides complaints involving the imposition of unreasonable fees in excess of \$350. The statutory provisions governing the Compliance Board appear at § 4-1A-01 *et seq.*, with those related to the Ombudsman at § 4-1B-01 *et seq.* The Assistant Attorney General will provide legal advice to the Ombudsman in the performance of her mediation and investigative duties. With respect to the Compliance Board, the attorney will provide legal advice, attend Board meetings, and draft opinions at the Board's direction. The attorney may also be asked to provide public access training at conferences of local government officials and attorneys and perform other duties relating to Maryland's open government laws. As needed and as time permits, the attorney may also be asked to help draft opinions for the Open Meetings Compliance Board and official opinions of the Attorney General.

Experience: The ideal candidate will have a minimum of five years of legal experience, including substantial experience with the PIA or the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and membership in good standing at the Maryland Bar. Experience with State and local government and the Open Meetings Act would be a plus.

Submission: Interested persons should submit resumes via e-mail by close of business on Monday, August 17, 2020 to Deborah Spence at opinions@oag.state.md.us.

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