
Customs and Border Protection Position

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Job Title: General Attorney - Seattle
Department: Department Of Homeland Security
Agency: Customs and Border Protection
Job Announcement Number: CC/10-09

SALARY RANGE:

61,255.00 - 95,444.00 USD /year

OPEN PERIOD:

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 to Wednesday, March 10, 2010

SERIES & GRADE:

GS-0905-11/12

POSITION INFORMATION:

Full-Time Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL:

14

DUTY LOCATIONS:

1+ vacancies - Seattle, WA

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED:

Applications will be accepted from all qualified United States citizens and nationals.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Office of the Chief Counsel provides legal advice to, and legal representation of, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in matters relating to the activities and functions of CBP. The Office is also responsible for reviewing proposed actions to ensure compliance with legal requirements, preparing formal legal opinions, preparing or reviewing responses in all court actions, civil or criminal, involving CBP, and developing, implementing, and evaluating nationwide programs, policies, and procedures within its functional areas. The Office of the Chief Counsel has both a Headquarters and a field structure. The Headquarters office is located in Washington, D.C. and its activities are divided broadly into three functional areas: Ethics, Labor and Employment; Enforcement; and Trade and Finance. The field structure consists of Associate and Assistant Chief Counsels located in major cities across the United States who advise CBP field managers on matters involving the same three functional areas noted above.

Qualifications and Evaluations

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Applicant must be a graduate from a full course of study in a school of law accredited by the American Bar Association and be an active member in good standing of the bar of a state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Applicants will be rated based on their experience and/or education.

Specialized Education:

Recent law school graduates may be appointed to attorney positions at the GS-11 level with the following additional qualifications: rank in the top 1/3 of graduating class; participation on the school's official Law Review; membership in the Order of the Coif; or winning of a moot court competition. An interim appointment of 14 months may be made pending the selectee's admission to the bar.

If you have fewer than five (5) years of legal experience, you must submit a copy of your law school transcript and grade point average or class ranking with your application materials.

You must be a U.S. citizen to qualify for this position.

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire non-citizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

You will be required to do some travel.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C §301 and DHS Delegation No. 0160.1, CBP requires any application for employment with CBP meet one or more of the following criteria as it pertains to the three (3) consecutive year residency requirements set

forth in CBP Directive No. 51332-015.

- 1) The applicant physically resided within the United States or its protectorates or territories. Short trips abroad, such as vacations, will not necessarily disqualify an applicant.
- 2) The applicant worked for the U.S. Government as an employee overseas in a Federal or military capacity.
- 3) The applicant was a dependent of a U.S. Federal or military employee serving overseas.

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:

Applicants will be rated based on their experience and/or education.

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BENEFITS:

You may participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, with costs shared with your employer. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#FEHB>.

Life insurance coverage is provided. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#life>

Long-Term Care Insurance is offered and carries into your retirement. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#ltci>

New employees are automatically covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). If you are transferring from another agency and covered by CSRS, you may continue in this program. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#retr>

You will earn annual vacation leave. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#VACA>

You will earn sick leave. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#SKLV>

You will be paid for federal holidays that fall within your regularly scheduled tour of duty. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#HOLI>

All CBP employees are required to participate in Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer for salary payments.

OTHER INFORMATION:

This job is being filled by an alternative hiring process and is not in the competitive civil service.

When promotion potential is shown, the agency is not making a commitment and is not obligated to provide future promotions to you if you are selected. Future promotions will be dependent on your ability to perform the duties at a higher level, the continuing need for an employee assigned to the higher level, and administrative approval.

You must submit all required information by the closing date. If materials are not received, your application will be evaluated solely on the information available and you may not receive full consideration or may not be considered eligible.

The materials you send with your application will not be returned.

You will be required to serve a probationary period of 2 years.

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HOW TO APPLY:

You must submit your application so that it will be received by the closing date of the announcement.

You may apply by submitting a resume or an 'Optional Application for Federal Employment' (OF-612) for this vacancy announcement. Resumes must include the following information (in addition to specific information requested elsewhere

in this vacancy announcement): announcement number, veteran's preference, and social security number. Applicants should include all experience, education, training, self-development, awards, commendations, outside activities, or other information relevant to the announced vacancy.

Applications or requested supplemental information forms are not to be mailed in U.S. Government "For Official Use Only" postage and fees paid envelopes.

If you fax or email your application, it will not be considered.

A writing sample is required as part of the application package. The writing sample may not exceed five pages.

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