

Storey County Job Description
Legal Assistant Senior

Class Title: Legal Assistant Senior
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Represented Status: Represented
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JOB SUMMARY

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DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This position provides and performs increasingly difficult or complex legal secretarial duties of the office. This is an advanced level position within the District Attorney's office. This position uses a high degree of legal and independent judgement and authority, confidentiality, efficacy, and latitude in interpreting and applying broad policies and regulations. This is a non-supervisory classification, however, the incumbent may be required to assist and lead legal assistant staff in the fulfillment of department duties.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The duties listed below are examples of the work typically performed by an employee in this position. Performance of these functions is the reason the job exists. An employee may not be assigned all duties listed and may be assigned duties which are not listed below.

1. Performs difficult and specialized confidential legal office support work which may require the exercise of independent judgement, application of technical skills and knowledge of detailed or specialized activities related to the District Attorney's Office.
2. Drafts and processes a variety of legal documents including agreements, contracts, warrants, memoranda, reports, transcripts, complaints, law enforcement reports, search and arrest warrants, affidavits, declarations, pleadings, briefs, motions, jury instructions, ordinances, resolutions, notices, contracts, deeds, agreements, and other documents from rough-draft, verbal instructions, stenographic notes, transcribing machine recordings, or brief notes using various software applications; composes routine letters and reports as assigned.
3. Establishes and maintains a complete set of record keeping systems including logs, calendars, chronological records, forms, and reports to ensure accuracy and easy retrieval of information; maintains and updates files.
4. Initiates correspondence independently for signature by appropriate staff; reviews finished materials for completeness, accuracy, formatting, compliance with policies and procedures, and appropriate English language; types drafts and a wide variety of draft and finished documents, including both general and legal-related correspondence and documents.

5. Calendars and schedules court dates, meetings and appointments for attorneys; files or arranges for the filing of paperwork with the court.
6. Assists with the management and supervision of the fiscal operations of the department including grants and departmental bank accounts; oversees the maintenance of financial records and preparation of financial reports; may monitor and approve payroll transactions.
7. Participates in the administration of the assigned budget; prepares and submits orders for supplies and materials; monitors expenditures; processes billings and invoices; administers contracts with service providers and with vendors for the purchase of equipment and supplies and service providers, ensures compliance with County regulations and policies.
8. Performs complex legal secretarial support activities related to the coordination and processing of legal cases; researches and compiles a variety of informational materials.
9. Plans, organizes and manages special programs or projects within the District Attorney's office; communicates with stakeholders; monitors and evaluates program effectiveness; submits periodic reports to the District Attorney.
10. Develops specific goals and plans to prioritize, organize, and accomplish work; meets deadlines.
11. Answers telephones and emails; addresses customers who arrive at the office; provides routine customer service; prepares memos, forms, reports, spreadsheets, and other correspondence; enters data and information into computer systems and databases; maintains and researches records, compiles data, and disseminates information; runs errands.
12. Assists the development of analytical studies; reviews reports, findings, alternatives, and recommendations; directs the maintenance of accurate records and files; prepares and directs the preparation of a variety of written correspondence, reports, procedures, and other written materials.
13. Maintains required certifications and licenses; attends and participates in professional group sessions; engages in continuous education, training, and other professional development; stays abreast on new trends and innovations related to the field.
14. Consistently demonstrates positive attitude and progressive actions through the display of professionalism, courtesy, tact, punctuality, attendance, and discretion in all interactions with coworkers, supervisors, and the public; use common sense discretion with no supervision; remain safe, socially moral, lawful, effective, adaptive, and efficient.
15. May be required to serve as a lead person in directing other office staff as necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of

- Applicable Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC), Storey County policies and codes, as well as other laws, legal codes, court procedures, precedents, or government regulations as necessary to perform the essential functions of the position.

- Administrative and clerical principles, procedures and systems such as word processing, records management, stenography and transcription, designing forms, filing legal documents and other office procedures and terminology.
- Fundamental principles of supervision and leadership.
- Legal, ethical, and professional rules of conduct for public sector employees.
- Countywide human resources policies such as Affirmative Action, sexual harassment, discrimination, and EEO.
- Storey County budget and finance policies and procedures, principles of financial management and governmental accounting.
- Correct English usage including spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Ability to

- Prepare complex technical reports; communicate findings clearly orally and in writing.
- Make accurate arithmetic calculations.
- Draft pleadings and other legal documents from stenographic notes, brief instructions, dictated recordings, and printed information.
- Provide varied and responsible legal secretarial and office administrative assistance to one or more attorneys and associated staff.
- Using applicable legal office terminology, forms, documents, and procedures in the course of the work.
- Work effectively under the pressure of deadlines, conflicting demands, and emergencies; use and apply common sense discretion.
- Operate basic modern office equipment including, but not limited to, telephones, fax machines, and copiers; personal computer programs including Microsoft Windows and Office, AS400 systems; automated financial management systems; and other applicable programs and software; type accurately at a rate sufficient to perform assigned duties.
- Work effectively with coworkers, elected and appointed officials and bodies, and the public; gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion.
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- Continue education and training and remain current on latest policies and practices and required certifications.

LICENSING, EDUCATION & OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Any combination of training, education, and experience that would provide the required knowledge and abilities. A typical way to gain the required knowledge and ability is:

- High school diploma or equivalent education; and

- Associate’s Degree or equivalent education from an accredited college or university with a majority of coursework in legal studies; and
 - At least 4 years of progressively responsible experience in the legal secretarial field; and
 - A combination of experience and education necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position.
2. Paralegal certification required within 12 months of hire.
 3. Must possess and maintain a valid Nevada Class C Driver License.
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 5. Military experience applicable to the duties of the position may be preferred.

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Effective the 16th day of September, 2020

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