



## EPA PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION 9 EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY POSITION

San Francisco, CA

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pacific Southwest (Region 9), Office of Regional Counsel**, is seeking applications from experienced attorneys for one or more positions in its San Francisco Office. **The application deadline is Monday, May 4, 2020.**

### **Requirements and Qualifications**

Candidates must have at least four or more years of legal experience working on matters in one or more of the following environmental or government information law areas: The Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, Oil Pollution Act, Toxics Substances Control Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, Federal Records Act, Trade Secrets Act, and EPA's Confidential Business Information regulations. The ideal candidate will possess excellent legal research and writing, verbal communication, and analytical skills; work well as part of a team; and have substantial negotiation and litigation experience. Clean Air Act and government information law experience will receive focused consideration.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens. Candidates must also have an LL.B or J.D. degree from an accredited law school; be admitted to practice before the highest court of a state, U.S. Territory, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia; and maintain active status as a member of the bar of one of these jurisdictions. In addition, the candidate's suitability for employment must be confirmed by a background investigation.

The Region offers a diverse and supportive work environment. Veterans and individuals with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. If you qualify for Veterans Preference and want the Agency to consider that preference as a positive factor in reviewing your application, you must include in your application appropriate documentation such as DD214 (copy 4), your VA letter, or Standard Form-15 (disabled veteran).

### **About the Office of Regional Counsel, Region 9**

With over 600 employees, Region 9 is one of ten EPA regional offices and covers the geographic area of California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, Pacific Islands, and over 140 Tribal Nations. ORC attorneys provide legal support to the Region on counseling, enforcement, and defensive litigation matters under the broad range of federal environmental laws identified above. We also work collaboratively with state, tribal, and local governments on implementing these national environmental laws. Regarding enforcement, attorneys are responsible for preparing administrative, judicial and criminal cases against violators of environmental laws. These cases involve developing and using technical and legal strategies for negotiations and litigation. Attorneys work with the Department of Justice on cases brought in federal court, but solely represent the Agency in administrative proceedings.

ORC attorneys also support the Region 9 FOIA Team, providing project management, counseling and litigation support on matters arising under the Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, Federal Records Act, Trade Secrets Act, EPA's Confidential Business Information regulations and other federal government information and records management laws.

## Salary and Benefits

This position is in the Excepted Service (and not in Competitive Service) and does not confer competitive status. Salary is based on the federal General Schedule (GS) pay scale and can range from around \$93,500 to \$131,500. Full benefits are provided. Travel, transportation, and relocation expenses are not authorized.

## Application Process

Please submit the following no later than **Monday, May 4, 2020**:

- Cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in and qualifications for the position.
- Resume, including significant accomplishments, work experience, law school honors, contact telephone numbers, and e-mail address.
- Transcript of law school grades and documentation of graduation from an ABA accredited law school (unofficial is sufficient at this time).
- Name, address and telephone numbers of three references, including a current or former employer.
- Proof of active bar membership and license to practice law in any State, U.S. Territory, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.
- Veterans Preference supporting documents, if applicable.

**All applications should be submitted by email to: [R9ORCHonors@epa.gov](mailto:R9ORCHonors@epa.gov)**

Applications should include "2020 Experienced Attorney Application" in the subject line of the message. Documents may be attached in Word or PDF formats. Selected applicants will be invited for telephone interview(s). A writing sample will be requested.

For any questions, please send an email to [R9ORCHonors@epa.gov](mailto:R9ORCHonors@epa.gov) with "Inquiry" in the subject line of the email. For other information about the EPA Pacific Southwest regional office, please visit our website at <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-9-pacific-southwest>.

EPA provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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**EPA is an equal opportunity employer. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, political affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status or other differences. Veterans are encouraged to apply.**