LEGAL ASSISTANT III

CLASS TITLE | CLASS CODE | SALARY GROUP | SALARY RANGE
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LEGAL ASSISTANT I | 3572 | B15 | $32,976 - $52,045
LEGAL ASSISTANT II | 3574 | B17 | $36,976 - $58,399
LEGAL ASSISTANT III | 3576 | B19 | $42,244 - $68,960
LEGAL ASSISTANT IV | 3578 | B21 | $48,278 - $78,953
LEGAL ASSISTANT V | 3580 | B23 | $55,184 - $90,393

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs highly complex (senior-level) legal assistant work. Work involves coordinating legal activities; researching, analyzing, investigating, and drafting legal documents; and assisting attorneys with case management. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Coordinates the scheduling and drafting of interrogatories, requests for production, requests for admissions, and requests for information.

Coordinates, assembles, and prepares evidence, exhibits, affidavits, and documents for use in legal proceedings.

Prepares, reviews, and edits pleadings, motions, briefs, abstracts, petitions, summary judgments, legal correspondence, and other legal documents.

Prepares synopses, abstracts, or summaries of complex legal issues.

Prepares attorneys for meetings with complainants, witnesses, and expert witnesses.

Drafts and responds to correspondence and opinion requests involving legal interpretations and decisions.

Researches and analyzes legal sources such as statutes, case law, administrative records, opinions, articles, treaties, property titles, and rules and regulations.

Schedules and prioritizes attorney caseloads; organizes case files; attends initial interviews and depositions; conducts investigations; and prepares chronologies, fact summaries, and witness files.

Assists in drafting cost analyses and bill summaries for proposed legislation, and tracks and analyzes relevant legislation.

Assists in responding to public information requests.

Performs related work as assigned.
GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in legal assistance work. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in law or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of legal terminology; of state and federal laws, rules and regulations; of research methods and techniques; of administrative and court procedures; of the legislative process; and of public notice requirements.

Skill in understanding and processing information, in the use of office equipment, and in the use of a computer and applicable software.

Ability to conduct research; to draft, prepare, and interpret legal documents; to evaluate and relate findings to cases in question; to conduct investigations; and to communicate effectively.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

May require certification as a legal assistant.