

The Colorado Attorney General is accepting applications for a Criminal Justice Section (CJS) Fellow to start as soon as possible. This Fellowship is set to begin in May/June 2022 or as soon as possible, and it will go until October 2023.

Who We Are

The Office of the Attorney General/Department of Law is the “People’s Lawyer.” The Attorney General, Phil Weiser, was elected by the people of Colorado and is the State’s chief lawyer and law enforcement official. Our vision for the Department of Law is: “Together, we serve Colorado and its people, advancing the rule of law, protecting our democracy and promoting justice for all.” Our core values and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, drive our actions and demonstrate our focus on being principled public servants who are innovative and better together. Visit our website to learn more: <https://coag.gov/>.

What You Will Do

The CJS Fellow will have the opportunity to work in the Financial Fraud Unit in the Criminal Justice Section prosecuting Insurance Fraud and securities fraud cases. This will include reviewing referrals, filing cases, appearing in court across the state on those cases, and generally assisting fellow Unit attorneys with prosecutions. The CJS Fellows will regularly interface with other attorneys in the unit, participate in trial strategy meetings, and research and analyze topical matters of state and federal law pertaining to insurance fraud. The CJS Fellow will also have opportunities to engage with other Fellows and attend trainings throughout the Department of Law designed specifically for newer attorneys.

What We Are Looking For

This Fellowship is open to newer and mid-level lawyers who are passionate about prosecution and who are outstanding legal writers and have a demonstrated interest in litigation. Specifically, we encourage applications from those who are intellectually curious, have the confidence and ability to ask good and thoughtful questions; are eager to engage; have a strong academic record (i.e., strong GPA); and have excellent trial skills. Prior courtroom experience is preferred, although not required. We are also interested in candidates who have diverse professional and academic backgrounds and who are eager to bring their diverse experiences to this role.

All individuals must be a member of the Colorado bar before beginning work. The annual salary is \$50,000 plus medical/dental benefits for 2021 law school graduates; and \$57,000 for Fellows in their second year of the fellowship or who come to the fellowship with at least one year of legal experience.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit the following required materials and all materials should be received no later than Monday, April 25 for full consideration. Applications that come in after this date may be considered on a rolling basis and only if the spot has not yet been filled. Selected candidates will be invited for interviews. Required materials must be submitted electronically to fellowship.program@coag.gov with the words “CJS Fellowship” in the subject line.

1. Cover letter that highlights: (a) your commitment to public service and your interest in this Fellowship; (b) your prosecution experience and/or other relevant work; (c) how you think your background and experience would add value in the Fellowship.
2. Resume that includes bar memberships, leadership experience, community service or volunteer experience, status of application for bar membership, and cumulative law school GPA.
3. Law school transcript.
4. Three references familiar with your work and abilities, including their phone and e-mail contact information and a description of the working relationship
5. Writing sample (the shorter and less edited the better).

Conditions of Employment

Applicants must pass a thorough background investigation prior to appointment.

Effective September 20, 2021, employees will be required to attest to and verify whether or not they are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Employees who have not been fully vaccinated may be required to submit to serial testing in the future. Upon hire, new employees will have three (3) business days to provide attestation to their status with proof of vaccination. Vaccinated employees must provide proof of vaccination.

Note: Fully Vaccinated means two (2) weeks after a second dose in a two-dose series of the COVID-19 vaccine, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two (2) weeks after the single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine, as defined by the most recent State of Colorado's Public Health Order and current guidance issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Benefits

Benefits are offered by the Department of Law include the comprehensive [State of Colorado benefits package](#) including competitive medical and dental health plans, employer-paid life insurance, paid holidays, retirement plans with [Colorado PERA](#), and vacation and sick leave earned each month.