



COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL 2024-2025 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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I am pleased to announce that we are seeking entry-level attorneys for our Fellowship Program starting in October 2024.

We established the Fellowship Program to provide opportunities for new attorneys to gain practical experience in the public sector while enjoying the personal satisfaction of serving the residents of Colorado and our many state agency clients. Our work at the Colorado Attorney General's Office encompasses criminal prosecution, consumer protection, civil rights, torts, contracts, eminent domain, administrative law, tax, environmental law, violence prevention programs, public health, school safety, energy and much more.

The Colorado Attorney General's Office is located in downtown Denver at the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center. This facility is a distinguished, high-tech complex which also houses the Colorado Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and other law-related offices.

I invite you to apply for a Fellowship position to begin October 2024 and join our talented and dedicated staff.

Sincerely,

Phil Weiser, Colorado Attorney General

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Our Fellowship Program seeks applicants who have diverse and varied experiences and whose backgrounds can bring a unique perspective to the work we do at the Department of Law. Selected Fellows are assigned to sections of the Colorado Attorney General's Office and receive exposure to a broad range of subject matters. The sections for assignment are as follows: Business & Licensing, Civil Litigation & Employment Law, Criminal Appeals, Office of the Attorney General, Revenue & Utilities, and State Services. In addition to Multi-Section Fellowships, positions are also offered for dedicated Fellowships — Justice Gregory Hobbs, Jr. Fellowship (Natural Resources and Environment), Cybersecurity Fellowship, Consumer Protection Fellowship, and Ralph L. Carr Appellate Fellowship. The goal of the program is to give Fellows exposure to a variety of work within their sections or dedicated Fellowship, and allow them opportunities to contribute to the Department of Law as an enterprise.

Fellows develop their legal skills by engaging in substantive work under the mentorship of practicing attorneys. Fellows' experiences are different and tailored to each Fellow's particular interests and skills, allowing them to develop proficiency in particular practice areas. Fellows may assist attorneys in providing client advice and participating in client meetings, drafting agreements and other legal documents, preparing pleadings, and participating in depositions, hearings, or trials. Over the course of the year, Fellows assume



**COMMENT FROM A
FORMER AG FELLOW**

“This was the best way to start my legal career. As a Fellow in the Attorney General’s Office, you are mentored by seasoned attorneys and staff who want you to grow professionally and be successful. You are encouraged to pursue your interests, both in subject matter and project variety. My year included taking depositions; preparing for trial; arguing at hearings; briefing a case through federal court to the Tenth Circuit; and frequent collaboration with senior attorneys on important cases. The work is challenging and meaningful, and best of all, you are surrounded by phenomenal people.”
Carter McDonnell
Fellow, 2017-2018

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considerable responsibility for their work.

Fellows also complete the Colorado Trial Advocacy Certificate program and take substantive law and professionalism CLEs throughout their Fellowship, in addition to making meaningful mentorship connections.

Our goal is for Fellows to leave our program with strong legal skillsets and be competitive in the legal market. Many of our alumni have gone on to work in areas of law throughout the legal community. And, some of our Fellows have been hired permanently by the Department of Law – which is a huge gain for us!

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

The Colorado Attorney General’s Office seeks applications for its Fellowship Program from applicants that are intellectually curious, passionate about public service, and excited to delve into the work. We encourage applications from:

- Law students in their final year at an accredited law school scheduled to graduate in the Spring of 2024;
- Recent graduates from an accredited law school who have not practiced law in another setting; or
- Current, full-time judicial law clerks who received their J.D. prior to 2024 and have not been hired to practice law in another setting.

The Fellowship Program begins in October 2024. All individuals invited to participate must commit to at least a one-year term and be admitted to the Colorado bar no later than October 2024.

The annual salary is \$60,000 plus medical/dental benefits

Fellows in their second year of the Fellowship or with at least one year of judicial law clerk experience may be eligible for an annual salary of \$67,000

For additional information about the Colorado Attorney General’s Office or initiatives in the office, please visit our website at: <http://coag.gov>. For more information on dedicated Fellowships and how to apply, please visit: <https://coag.gov/careers/fellowships/>.

Information about the sections that make up the Colorado Attorney General’s Office may be found at: <http://coag.gov/about-us/office-sections>.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following required materials no later than October 13, 2023. Selected candidates will be invited for interviews.

- **Cover letter** that highlights: (1) your commitment to public service and your interest in this Fellowship; (2) your experience in the subject matter area and/or other relevant work; and (3) how you think your background and experience would add value in the Fellowship.
- **Resume** that includes bar memberships, leadership experience, community service or volunteer experience, status of application for bar membership, and cumulative law school GPA.
- **Law school transcript.** Unofficial transcripts are accepted.
- **Three references** (not letters of recommendation) from individuals who are familiar with your work and abilities, including their phone and e-mail contact information and an indication of the working relationship.
- **Writing sample** (the shorter and less edited the better). Submissions may be portions of a longer sample, but please include no more than 10 pages, total. Applicants are encouraged to provide a writing sample that demonstrates the candidate's legal analysis and abilities.

Applications and questions on the Fellowship Program should be emailed to: fellowship.program@coag.gov

See FAQs online at www.coag.gov/employment/fellowships