# JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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Note: This is exempted from the freeze as per the Governor's General Memorandum. Due to insufficient number of candidates applied, the American Samoa-Environmental Protection Agency has requested to re-advertise the position.

**General Description:**
The Legal Counsel is responsible for prosecuting all citations issued violations that are covered in public laws enforced by the agency, will provide legal advice on all agency matters, both technical and administrative and is to report directly to the Deputy Director.

**Key Duties and Responsibilities:**
- Provide environmental and general legal advice to agency leaders and all programs
- Oversee all enforcement activities of the agency
- Prosecute environmental citations in accordance with the law and authority granted by the Attorney General of American Samoa
- Conduct semi-annual enforcement training for inspectors
- Expand the agency’s enforcement capacity in the community
- Produce legislation and other public policy documents that promote the goals and objectives of agency programs
- Coordinate with staff of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of local government to obtain critical support for same
- Interpret major U.S. environmental statutes and regulations impacting the agency, including the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)
Maintain current knowledge of national and international environmental law issues
Prepare legal recommendations and provide meeting coordinator for the American Samoa Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), chaired by the Lieutenant Governor
Communicate directly with key external parties on the agency’s behalf, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Draft agreements and other legal documents
Coordinate with the offices of the Governor, Attorney General and relevant government agencies
Perform high level legal research on topics affecting the agency and its programs
Monitor legal risk factors in agency operations and address same with stakeholders
Provide expert writing and communication support, including agency press coverage
Serve as a member of the agency’s executive leadership team
Contribute to discussions and decision-making on key strategic planning issues for the agency
Oversee implementation and enforcement of the 2016 Keep American Samoa Beautiful Act (KASB), including prosecution of all litter citations issued by seven (7) authorized government agencies, provide enforcement training and legal support for all ASG litter inspectors (including those outside of the agency), prepare status reports to government leaders, media, and the public regarding KASB litter enforcement efforts
All other duties and responsibilities as assigned

Knowledge, Skills and Ability:
Sound foundation in Federal and Territorial environmental regulations and the criminal justice system
Advanced understanding of the interface between Federal and Territory governments, especially in the areas of environmental governance and conservation
Understanding of emergencies issues within environmental governance and monitoring
Knowledge in local land regulations and customs
Knowledge in strategic planning in the public or private sectors
Excellent presentations skills, especially for courtroom and audiences for different type of legal matters
Effective written and oral communication and have Samoan language skills are strongly desired
Solid foundation in Microsoft Office and the preparation of various reporting documents using Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
Effective at negotiating in legal settings with professionalism and cultural awareness
Work independently and effectively so that all casework and special project are completed in a reasonable timeframe

Academic and Experience Requirements:
Juris Doctor degree (J.D.) and a license to practice law in American Samoa
Pass the Bar Exam in any U.S. jurisdiction
Salary will commensurate with degree and experience

Complete information concerning this vacancy may be obtained from the Personnel Division of the Department of Human Resources, or please contact the Recruitment unit at 633-4485 or 633-4000.

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