

City of New York
THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF INVESTIGATION
Job Vacancy Notice

Civil Service Title: Executive Agency Counsel	Level: G5
Title Code No: 95005	Salary: \$102,788 - \$160,089
Office Title: General Counsel	Work location: 80 Maiden Lane, New York, NY
Division/Work Unit: SCI	Number of Positions: 1

Job Description

The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District (“SCI”) has broad authority to investigate wrongdoing by employees, contractors, and vendors doing business with the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) - the nation’s largest school district enrolling more than 1.1 million students, and employing 140,000 staff located in over 1,800 facilities. SCI performs highly confidential and sensitive investigations and studies concerning the corruption, misconduct, or other illegal, unethical or improper activities both within and outside of the DOE, and seeks to develop and implement plans and programs to control and prevent such corruption, misconduct or other illegal, unethical or improper practices. The office also serves as the Inspector General for the Teachers' Retirement System of the City of New York (“TRS”) and the New York City Board of Education Retirement System (“BERS”).

SCI is seeking an experienced, self-motivated attorney to serve as General Counsel within this fast paced environment.

Under direct supervision, of the Special Commissioner and her first deputy, with latitude for independent decision-making, the General Counsel will perform complex legal activity, and be responsible for providing counsel regarding local, state, and federal law including, but not limited to, matters involving: criminal, administrative, employment, and education law. The General Counsel will be responsible for in-depth research as well as the preparation of necessary legal drafts and documents, engaging in interviews, reviewing reports, and helping make determinations regarding all relevant legal matters. The General Counsel will also be responsible for providing advice and counsel to the senior staff on legal aspects of enforcement and administration of relevant rules, laws and regulations, and will prepare reports and memos regarding recommendations for appropriate actions.

Those hired by SCI are DOE salaried employees.

Qualification Requirements

1. Admission to the New York State Bar and 8 to 10 years of recent full-time responsible, relevant, satisfactory legal experience subsequent to admission to any bar, eighteen months of which must have been performing complex and significant supervisory-level legal work.
2. Graduate from an accredited law school.
3. Highest professional and ethical standards.
4. Incumbents must remain members of the New York State Bar in good standing for the duration of their employment at SCI.

Preferred Skills

1. Substantial legal experience, including litigation, investigative, advisory, legal or law enforcement experience, preferably at a prosecutor’s office or a law enforcement agency, or comparable legal experience.
2. A broad range of legal experience, including, but not limited to, criminal, administrative, education, and employment law. In-house legal experience with a government agency and/or employment law experience is a plus.
3. Experience with NYC government operations, policies and procedures and the agencies of the City of New York; familiarity with New York State and Federal regulations related to the investigative processes.
4. Investigative and/or policy-related skills.
5. Strong legal research and analytical skills.
6. Ability to work both independently and collaboratively with all levels of staff and management.
7. Exceptional organizational abilities.
8. Possess excellent verbal and written communication skills.
9. Strong interpersonal skills.
10. Excellent judgment.

To Apply:

Send resumes, cover letters, and writing samples electronically to applicant@nycsci.org. Please do not email, mail or fax your resume to SCI directly. Submissions of resumes does not guarantee an interview. Due to the high volume of resumes SCI receives for positions, only selected candidates will be contacted.

Appointments are subject to Office of Management & Budget approval for budgeted headcount.

Post Date: 11/7/2018

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