

State of Washington
Attorney General's Office
invites applications for the position of:



Assistant Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Control Division (Criminal Team)

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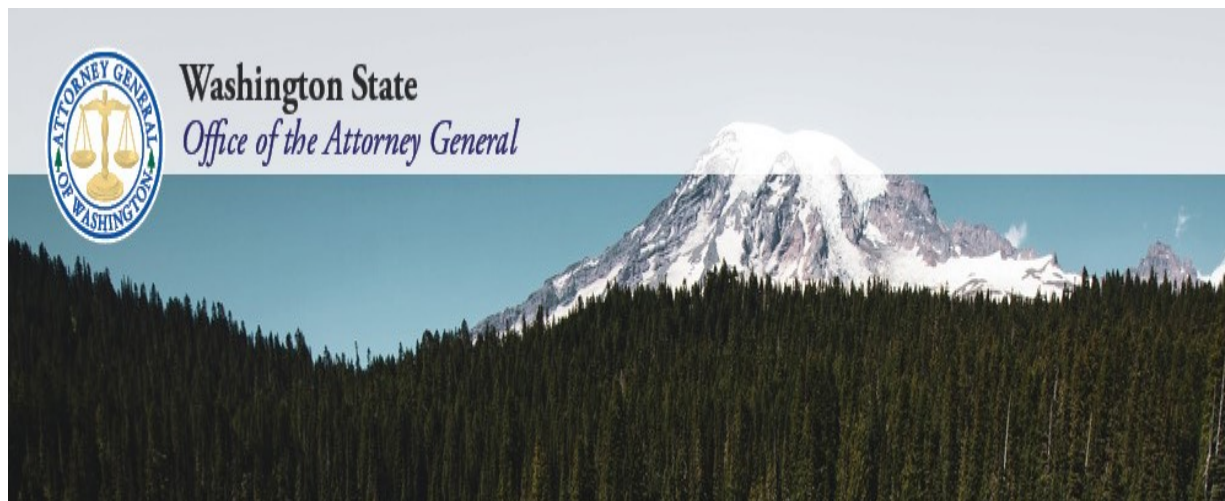
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DESCRIPTION:

Persons requiring reasonable accommodation in the application and/or interview process may contact Kalea Muigai at 360-586-7698. For those who are hearing impaired and need assistance, please contact the Washington Relay Service at 1-800-676-3777 or www.washingtonrelay.com

All employees and volunteers of the Washington State Attorney General's Office serve a crucial role in the protection of the state, its people and resources, thereby providing an incomparable degree of job satisfaction. The AGO is composed of diverse, collegial and supremely talented legal professionals who are resolute in their commitment to public service and share the common goal of advancing the public interest. For more information about the AGO, we encourage you to review the Office's Annual Report which can be found [HERE](#) and view [THIS VIDEO](#).



The Washington State Attorney General's Office's **Medicaid Fraud Control Division** (MFC) seeks PROSECUTOR/LITIGATORS to serve as an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) to investigate, prosecute and litigate Medicaid provider fraud as well as abuse and neglect in residential facilities using a full array of civil and criminal remedies. There are two positions available: one in the AGO's downtown Seattle office and the other in Olympia.

The work of the MFC focuses on both civil and criminal law enforcement. The federally funded and mandated MFC's mission is deterring provider fraud as well as abuse and

neglect in residential facilities. MFC is unique in that it involves protecting not only the Medicaid program of roughly 13 billion dollars per annum, but also its most vulnerable persons, typically elderly nursing home patients. MFC cases are consistently on the cutting edge of legal theories and issues, and the cases range from single provider home health fraud, abuse and neglect of persons in nursing homes, large scale organized individual and corporate fraudulent activity to national whistleblower actions.

DUTIES:

These AAG positions are part of the MFC Criminal Team, which brings criminal charges against companies, organizations, and individuals who defraud the State Medicaid fund as well as those who abuse and neglect vulnerable adults who reside in residential facilities. These are typically months if not years long highly complex white-collar fraud investigations and challenging abuse and neglect investigations, as most if not all of our victims cannot speak for themselves. AAGs and their teams have the ability to build these investigations from the ground up. All AAGs in MFC must manage a robust caseload, including directing investigations, assessing evidence, and resolving cases through litigation or negotiation. Attorneys must work with a sense of urgency and take the initiative to keep their cases moving toward resolution.

These positions also have the opportunity to collaborate with the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units through working on national cases, specialized training and an unparalleled investigative and litigation support network. MFC AAGs routinely bring cases in state court and investigate the same with our federal counterparts in particular, HHS OIG, FBI, Customs, as well as local law enforcement and state administrative agencies.

Our staff is a highly professional, fun and seasoned analytical investigative team. MFC is unique in that all cases are typically assigned an attorney, investigator and data analyst from the start. This, and the great people who make up the unit, gives MFC a particularly terrific team atmosphere. The Seattle MFC office hosts a small, close-knit team which works in close coordination with staff and leadership in the MFC Headquarters in Olympia, as well as the MFC's other office in Spokane. The Division currently has a staff of 58 FTEs, including attorneys, auditors, investigators, and professional support staff.

If you enjoy working in a team setting, complex puzzle solving and being on the cutting edge of law, this is the place for you.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The selected candidates for these positions must have:

- Trial and litigation experience;
- Exceptional organizational and time-management skills;
- Outstanding leadership and interpersonal skills;
- Excellent writing and work ethic; and
- The ability to foster a collegial work environment.

In addition, the selected candidates for these positions preferably will have:

- At least seven years' experience in criminal prosecution, preferably with some experience in white collar/fraud prosecution; and
- Experience with financial crimes and/or abuse cases.

Applicants must have graduated from a law school accredited by the ABA or completed the WSBA's Rule 6 Law Clerk Program and be licensed to practice law in Washington state. The AGO seeks applicants who are committed to public service as demonstrated by an applicant's background, talents, attitude, and enthusiasm for public law practice. The AGO greatly encourages, celebrates and values diversity, appreciating that a workforce composed of those from different backgrounds and experiences creates an inclusive environment, strengthens positive relationships with the local community and brings new perspectives and approaches to fulfill its mission of providing excellent, independent and ethical legal services to the State of Washington and protect the rights of its people.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

These AAG positions are represented by the Association of Washington Assistant Attorneys General (AWAAG) /Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) AFSCME Council 28, AFL-CIO. AAG salaries start at \$69,396. Ultimately, AAG salaries are set in accordance with the AWAAG CBA. As noted earlier, this posting will fill a position in Seattle and a position in Olympia. The position located in Seattle is eligible for 5% King County Assignment Pay per legislative action. A competitive state benefits package is also offered which includes a choice of medical/dental insurance plans, retirement, and life and basic long-term disability insurance. In addition, there are non-financial benefits that include working in a collaborative and supportive work environment where professional development and work-life balance are highly valued. The health, safety and professional satisfaction of all AGO staff and volunteers is critical to fulfilling the mission of the AGO to provide exceptional legal services. Complementing and fostering this goal, as well as along-standing commitment to environmental stewardship, is evidenced in the AGO's [environmental policies](#).

Interested applicants must apply by hitting the "apply" button above. In addition to the on-line application, one must upload, via the system, preferably as PDFs:

- A letter of interest;
- Resume;
- Law school transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable); and
- Writing sample.

If you have questions about these positions and/or wish to learn more about them before applying, we encourage and welcome you to contact MFC Director Larissa Payne at 360-586-8880 or MFC Criminal Section Chief Melody Crick Peters at 360-956-7934. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2021.

NOTE! A background check consisting of employment history, professional references and educational verification (e.g., degree, license, or official transcript) may be conducted. Prior to any offer, the applicant selected will be required to submit to and pass a fingerprint-based criminal background check conducted by the Washington State Patrol, Criminal Records Division. The incumbent will submit to additional background checks as a condition of employment every five (5) years thereafter.

Honoring diversity, equity and inclusion means that as an agency, and as individuals, we are committed to ensuring that all employees and volunteers enjoy a respectful, safe and supportive

working environment. Only by fostering the inclusion of people from all backgrounds, cultures and attributes, can AGO employees and volunteers achieve their fullest potential and best advance the goals and mission of the AGO.

The AGO is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation/gender identity, age, disability, honorably discharged veteran or military status, retaliation or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Persons requiring reasonable accommodation in the application process or requiring information in an alternative format may contact Kalea Muigai at 360-586-7698. Those with a hearing impairment in need of accommodation are encouraged to contact the Washington Relay Service at 1-800-676-3777 or www.washingtonrelay.com.

**Assistant Attorney General - Medicaid Fraud Control Division (Criminal Team)
Supplemental Questionnaire**

- * 1. As noted within this posting, we are looking to fill a position in the Seattle and Olympia offices. Please specify for which position(s) you wish to be considered.
 - Olympia
 - Seattle
 - Both Olympia and Seattle
- * 2. Have you ever worked or volunteered for the Washington State Attorney General's Office? If yes, indicate dates and positions in which you served. If "NO", you will need to indicate "NO" or "N/A" in order to proceed with your application.
- * 3. List all activities or community involvement, past or present, that demonstrate a commitment to public service.
- * 4. Are you a current member, as an attorney, of the Washington State Bar Association?
 - Yes No
- 5. What is your Washington State Bar Association number?
- * 6. It is important to note that to serve as an Assistant Attorney General, one must be a licensed attorney with the WSBA. If seeking admission to the WSBA via reciprocity, score transfer, motion or other means, please explain IN DETAIL when you applied for admission, current status of the application and expected date of admission?
- * 7. Have you ever been subject to discipline or censure by a Bar Association or other licensing organization? If "YES" provide a full explanation for each disciplinary action. If the answer is "NO" you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application.

- * 8. Is there any Bar disciplinary proceeding pending against you? If "YES", provide a full explanation. If the answer is "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application.

- * 9. Have you ever been held in contempt or sanctioned by any state or federal court or administrative agency? If "Yes", provide a full explanation for each action. If the answer is "No" you must indicate this by typing "No" in order to proceed with your application.

- * 10. Have you ever been fired, asked to resign, or resigned in lieu of termination from any position? If "YES", you must provide a full explanation for each termination. If the answer is "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application.

- * 11. Have you participated, whether as an attorney, paralegal, legal assistant, or in any other capacity, in the representation of any party in a matter where the party's interest was materially adverse to that of the State, its agencies, or its officers or employees? If "YES", please identify all such matters, including the parties to the matter, the court and cause number of the matter, and your role in the matter. If "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application. If you require additional space, please attach additional sheets and indicate your attachment here.

- * 12. Have you participated as a judge, arbitrator, mediator, adjudicative officer, or as a law clerk to such a person, in a matter in which the State or any of its agencies, officers, or employees were a party? If YES, please identify all such matters, including the parties to the matter, the court and cause number of the matter, and your role in the matter. If "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application. If you require additional space, please attach additional sheets and indicate your attachment here.

- * 13. Is there any other matter, person, entity, or personal interest that might present a conflict of interest or otherwise limit your ability to perform work for the Attorney General's Office or represent a state agency, officer, or employee? If YES, please identify such matters, persons, entities, or personal interests with sufficient detail to allow the Attorney General's Office to understand the nature of the potential conflict of interest. You are not required to disclose any pending or contemplated complaint or dispute for which the law allows you to remain anonymous; however, you are responsible for not accepting assignments that would violate conflict of interest or confidentiality provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct or other laws with regard to such matters. If "NO", you must indicate this by typing "NO" in order to proceed with your application. If you require additional space, please attach additional sheets and indicate your attachment here.

- * 14. Please be advised that the AGO thoroughly checks references, including one's current employer. HOWEVER, it is very important to note that references are ONLY checked after at least one interview. Any concerns about checking references can be discussed during

any interview. For the sake of efficiency, we ask that you proactively provide a release by responding affirmatively to the following statement. I authorize the Washington State Attorney General's Office (AGO) to contact any or all of my former or present employers, or organizations for which services have been provided, for the purposes of verification and reference. This may include information of a confidential nature, to include but is not limited to reviewing my personnel file, contacting any references, and/or contacting anyone else who might be familiar with my past job performance. I knowingly and voluntarily release the state of Washington, the AGO, its individual employees, and all my former or present employers, and their individual employees, from any and all known and unknown claims for damages or other relief arising out of the AGO's request for and receipt of employment information, unless my current or former employer is prohibited by state or federal law from disclosing the information that the AGO requests. PLEASE TYPE YOUR FULL NAME IN RESPONSE TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION TO PROVIDE SUCH AUTHORIZATION.

- * 15. By clicking "YES" I acknowledge and consent to the fact that a background check consisting of employment history, professional references and educational verification (e.g., degree, license, or official transcript) may be conducted. I also acknowledge and consent to a fingerprint-based criminal background check conducted by the Washington State Patrol, Criminal Records Division, and acknowledge that said background check will be a condition of employment for this position every five (5) years thereafter.

Yes No

- * 16. Have you uploaded all of the required material (i.e., letter of interest, resume, law school transcript and writing sample) with this application?

Yes No

* Required Question