



Departmental Vacancy Announcement

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Position No. 100437

Division with the Vacancy:

Commerce & Economic Development

Opening Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Last Day to File Applications: Continuous recruitment until needs are met

Summary of Duties:

The Commerce and Economic Development Division (CED) provides a full range of legal services including advice and counsel, document, rules, and legislation review, and advocacy in litigation in administrative and judicial fora for its client departments. CED currently provides legal services to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA); the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT); the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA); the Department of Agriculture (DOA); and their attached agencies. CED also enforces the antitrust laws and is involved in consumer protection matters.

The deputy attorney general is assigned to DCCA, and includes Professional and Vocational Licensing boards, the Insurance Division, and the Business Regulations Division, and provides legal advice and counsel, document review, legislation, litigation, and other projects as may be assigned.

Minimum Requirements:

- **Education/Experience:** Graduate from an accredited law school.
- **Knowledge/Ability:** Knowledge of applicable State and Federal laws, rules, regulations and computer applications/software. Awareness of both federal district and state court of rules of civil and criminal procedure, including the Local Rules of Practice for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii and the Hawaii Rules of the Circuit Courts and District Courts.

Ability to perform legal research, analyze, manage, produce and organize documents as needed, understand and apply administrative rules and court rules; give and receive oral and written instructions; use computer. Appropriate and current legal writing skills, including the ability to write logically and persuasively. Ability to set personal and professional example; leadership, supervisory or administrative ability or knowledge; strong organizational skills; good communication skills.

- **License/Certificate:** Active Hawaii State Bar License to practice law in all courts of the State of Hawaii and the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

To Apply:

Please send cover letter, application, résumé, and two writing samples to:

Christopher JI Leong, Deputy Attorney General,
Commerce and Economic Development Division
425 Queen Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
and/or send by email to Christopher.JI.Leong@hawaii.gov

Application can be found online at: <https://ag.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/atty-apprev-v3-Fillable-v1.pdf>

The information you provide will be used to determine whether you meet public employment requirements and the minimum qualification requirements. As required by federal and/or state laws, we do not discriminate on the basis of age, sex (including gender identity or expression), religion, race, color, ancestry, national origin, disability, marital status, veteran's status, sexual orientation, arrest and court record, citizenship, genetic information or any other protected characteristic. The State of Hawaii is an equal opportunity employer and complies with applicable state and federal laws relating to employment practices. The Federal and State laws apply to all forms of employment decisions and actions, including pre-employment inquiries.

Physical/Mental Requirements: Applicants must be able to perform the essential duties and responsibilities of the position effectively and safely, with or without reasonable accommodation.

Reasonable Accommodation: Qualified applicants with disabilities who can perform the essential functions of the advertised position are encouraged to apply. The State of Hawaii is committed to making reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis. Applicants seeking reasonable accommodations should be ready to discuss the accommodation sought so that a determination can be made that such accommodation is reasonable and would not cause the employer undue hardship. Call 586-1417 for more information.

Criminal History Background Check: Individuals who are recommended for hire are required to undergo a criminal history record clearance and other checks, as applicable.

Internal Complaint: Applicants will be notified of their status. Applicants who do not agree with a decision or action taken by the Attorney General Personnel Office may file an Internal Complaint with the Department of the Attorney General. Information about the Internal Complaint Procedure (ICP) and required form can be found on the ATG intranet.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (808) 586-1236 for further information.