

Assistant City Attorney
Torts Section
Seattle City Attorney's Office

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Seattle City Attorney's Office has an open Assistant City Attorney position in the Torts Section on the Police Action Team. Attorneys on the Police Action Team handle litigation primarily involving the Seattle Police Department, typically defending § 1983 cases alleging violations of constitutional rights. These claims range from relatively minor matters to intensely litigated cases involving severe injuries, death and/or matters of significant public importance. Attorneys on the Police Action Team also provide advice to the Seattle Police Department and officers on a variety of topics related to police work. Attorneys on the Team have a varied practice, with a mixture of legal research and writing, client contact, discovery and motions practice and occasional trials. Employees in the Torts Section, including those on the Police Action Team, collaborate with one another on a regular basis.

Job Responsibilities:

- Engage in litigation, typically defending § 1983 cases alleging violations of constitutional rights;
- Provide advice to the Seattle Police Department and officers on a variety of topics, including excessive force and search and seizure issues;
- Represent the Seattle Police Department in municipal, state and federal court regarding subpoenas.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be a member of the Washington State Bar at the time of hire;
- Must have three or more years of civil or criminal litigation experience;

Preference may be given to those with civil rights litigation experience and/or trial experience.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please apply at the City of Seattle jobs website:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/seattle/jobs/1935678/assistant-city-attorney?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>.

In addition to completing the on-line application fully, please submit a cover letter, describing the reasons for your interest in the position and outlining your relevant experience, a resume, and a writing sample.