Open Position Announcement

Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

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Assistant Consumer Advocate I, II, or III

The Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) seeks full-time attorneys to serve as Assistant Consumer Advocates. The OCA is the statutory representative of Pennsylvania utility consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), federal regulatory agencies, and state and federal courts. As an Assistant Consumer Advocate, attorneys can expect to perform a variety of legal work in the utility law sector, such as trial practice before the PUC and appellate practice before the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, working with a dedicated team of attorneys to develop legal opinions and strategies that protect Pennsylvania utility consumers, and developing multi-disciplinary skills in accounting, engineering, and consumer protection work.

Salary and Benefits

Full-time employees receive all Commonwealth health (including dental and vision), pension and other benefits for management personnel. The salaries for these positions will generally depend on the qualifications and experience level of the applicant and can fall within the following ranges:

- Assistant Consumer Advocate I: $58,132 — $89,546 (Graduates awaiting bar results - $50,817)
- Assistant Consumer Advocate II: $66,484 — $102,240
- Assistant Consumer Advocate III: $75,991 — $116,930

Essential Functions

- Analyze and research complex regulatory filings.
- Manage and direct expert witnesses, including coordinating the development of testimony and preparing them for cross-examination.
- Prepare and conduct cross-examination of expert witnesses.
- Prepare trial and appellate motions and briefs.
- Travel to and represent the OCA in public hearings throughout the Commonwealth.
- Represent the OCA in settlement negotiations and alternate dispute resolution processes.
- Assist consumers, both formally and informally, in complaint proceedings before the PUC.
- Participate in rulemaking proceedings before the PUC.

Qualifications

- Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania (or awaiting PA bar results).
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced and challenging legal environment.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Career objective or experience in consumer protection, administrative law and policy, or public interest field.

How to Apply

Please send a (1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) transcript, (4) three references, and (5) a writing sample by electronic mail to attorneyposting@paoca.org.