

Class Concept

Employees in this class perform advanced legal support work for agencies and commissions of the State. Employees independently provide counsel and conduct litigation in an area of legal specialization. Work involves preparing and conducting cases and providing counsel and rendering legal opinion in the area of specialization which is characterized by complex statutes and regulations, absence of defined precedent, and constitutional issues. Work may involve leadership of lower level attorneys for larger, broader cases. Employees function independently with minimal technical supervision from section supervisors. Employees may represent the State in criminal appeals and perform related duties as required.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Considerable knowledge of case, statutory, regulatory, and common law.
- Considerable knowledge of judicial and quasi-judicial procedures.
- Ability to conduct complex civil or criminal litigation in trial and appellate courts.
- Ability to interpret and apply laws, constitutional provisions, statutes, administrative regulations, and court decisions.
- Ability to analyze facts, evidence, and legal instruments.
- Ability to express conclusions and arguments clearly and logically in oral and written form.
- Ability to analyze legal problems and render formal opinions.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

Minimum Education and Experience

Licensed to practice law by the North Carolina State Bar and three years of progressively responsible professional legal experience.

NOTE: GS 114-2 and 114-6 make it the duty of the Attorney General of NC to represent the State of North Carolina in all litigation unless another statute specifically states otherwise.