

GILA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

1400 E. ASH STREET, GLOBE, AZ 85501



POSTED: APRIL 16, 2013
CLOSING DATE: APRIL 22, 2013

DEPARTMENT: County Attorney

POSITION: Paralegal Senior

LOCATION: Payson

JOB CODE: 13-039

ANNUAL SALARY: \$45,344.00-\$67,308.80 DOE

NATURE OF WORK

Performs advanced level research work of considerable difficulty in obtaining information for criminal law enforcement proceedings; performs other work as required or assigned. This position works under general supervision. Positions at this level train other employees and/or monitor the work produced by other employees and perform diverse duties of an advanced and specialized nature. The employee exercises judgment in analyzing facts or circumstances surrounding issues. Discretion is required in the application of policies, procedures and guidelines, and in selection of appropriate resources for use in accomplishing assigned work. The decisions made affect operations of the work unit and the organization. Work often requires development of recommendations and independent actions consistent with policies, general directives and broad regulations.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Acts as arbitrator and liaison between disputing parties.
- Files pleadings with court clerk
- Gathers evidence in criminal cases to assist in the initiation of legal action.
- Investigates facts and law of criminal cases to determine causes of action and to prepare case accordingly.
- Prepares legal documents such as briefs, pleadings, and appeals, for review, approval, and use by criminal attorneys/prosecutors.
- Researches and analyzes law sources such as statutes, recorded judicial decisions, legal articles, constitutions, and legal codes.
- Acts as law librarian, keeping and monitoring legal volumes and ensuring legal volumes are up-to-date.
- Delivers or directs delivery of subpoenas to witnesses and parties to an action.
- Directs and coordinates activities of criminal division employees.
- Prepares affidavits of documents and maintains document file.
- Performs other clerical duties as required or assigned.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

Work is performed in an office environment where the physical demands require sitting for extended periods of time; frequent use of computers and standard office equipment; may work under stress of deadlines.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies or a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours of post high school course work in paralegal studies. Five years of experience as a paralegal in a private or public criminal law practice.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES REQUIRED:

Knowledge of:

- The principles and procedures of the Arizona Criminal Justice System.
- The application of statutes and legal precedents.
- The preparation of legal defenses and prosecutions.
- The practices and principles of investigative work.
- The practices and principles of training, supervision, and management

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Ability to:

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other agencies, and the public.
- Follow written and verbal instructions.
- Communicate effectively verbally and in writing.
- Obtain valid information by interviews and interrogations
- Plan, organize and supervise the activities and work flow of others.
- Perform under tight deadlines and moderate to high pressure.

Skills in:

- Conduct and apply advanced investigative techniques.
- Gather, analyze, and evaluate facts and evidence.
- Operating word processing systems.
- Conduct electronic legal research.
- Write legal documents and correspondence.

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