

Attorney-Advisor, Energy
Job Posting – 20 November 2019
Commercial Law Development Program, U.S. Department of Commerce

The Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce, is seeking individuals with exceptional analytical, organizational and interpersonal communication skills to join our outstanding team of international technical assistance Attorney-Advisors. CLDP's mission is commercial legal reform: CLDP helps developing countries improve the policy, legal, and regulatory conditions for trade and investment with the goal of creating better economic opportunities for local entrepreneurs and American companies. CLDP provides technical assistance, advisory and consultative services, and policy planning support to host country governments.

The attorney serving in this position has the opportunity to engage in cutting-edge legal reform work around the globe as part of CLDP's Energy and Infrastructure practice. As an Attorney-Advisor, s/he will consult with foreign government officials; assess development needs and barriers to investment; and design, implement and evaluate legal reform technical assistance programs that meet the host countries' economic development needs and are in line with US policy goals. CLDP's team of Attorney-Advisors nimbly advise on the range of commercial legal reforms, and this position is to meet growing demand from governments for assistance in the energy and infrastructure space.

For this position:

- Prior experience with Energy Law, Project Finance, and/or Public-Private Partnerships is required. In this position, Attorney-Advisors will be expected to be able to converse with a variety of stakeholders on the structuring of energy infrastructure projects, particularly in the power, renewables, and natural gas sectors.
- Prior experience with the drafting of transactional documents in the power and gas sectors, such as Gas Sale and Purchase Agreements or Power Purchase Agreements, and the structuring of LNG Import or Independent Power Projects is strongly preferred, but not required.
- Prior experience and/or familiarity in working with foreign governments and/or development finance institutions is strongly preferred.
- Frequent international travel is required. Attorney-Advisors in this position carry out many of their programs in the host countries around the world.
- Knowledge of another language not required but is preferred.

This position may be filled at the GS 12, 13 or 14 grade level depending on experience. Starting Salary Range is \$83,400 to \$117,190 with promotion potential to GS-14/10 (\$152,350).

To qualify for a GS-12, applicants must possess a JD, active bar membership, and 1-3 years of relevant professional experience. To qualify for GS-13, applicants must possess a JD, active bar membership, and 4-6 years of relevant professional experience. To qualify for a GS-14,

applicants must possess a JD, active bar membership, and a minimum of 6 years of relevant professional legal experience.

Applicants must be:

- U.S. citizens.
- Must meet the minimum education requirements of successful completion of a full course of study at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) with a professional law degree at the time of selection.
- The applicant must provide proof of being an active member in good standing of the bar of a state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

To be considered, please submit a current resume, law school unofficial transcript (if selected an official transcript is required), and cover letter to kweaver@doc.gov.

About the Organization

Established in 1992, CLDP is a division of the U.S. Department of Commerce that helps achieve U.S. foreign policy goals in developing and post-conflict countries through commercial legal reforms. CLDP's unique, government-to-government technical assistance draws upon highly-experienced regulators, judges, policymakers, business leaders and attorneys from both the public and private sectors to deliver results that make meaningful and lasting changes to the legal and business environments of our host countries.

CLDP lawyers, resident advisors, program specialists and administrative personnel are multicultural and have expertise in international business, commercial laws, trade relations and development assistance. Most members of CLDP's staff speak at least two languages fluently, and much of CLDP's work is conducted in the language of the host country. Partnering with many Commerce Department bureaus, the federal judiciary, other U.S. Government agencies and international organizations, CLDP designs and implements conferences and workshops, utilizes long and short-term advisors and trains foreign delegations in the U.S. and other countries to improve commercial legal frameworks.