

**Attorney-Advisor, Energy Transition**  
**Job Posting – November 2021**  
**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 to help countries meet their sustainable economic development and climate goals in the energy and mineral sectors.

CLDP's mission is commercial legal reform. CLDP provides technical assistance; advisory and consultative services (including commenting on draft legislation and regulations); and policy planning support to help foreign governments improve the policy, legal, and regulatory conditions for trade and investment. This Attorney-Advisor position on the Energy Transition team would engage in cutting-edge legal reform work to support decarbonization and sustainable investment in energy and minerals around the world. This work would involve advising foreign governments around the world on the policies, laws, regulations, contracts, and standards for them to adopt to transition to low and zero-carbon energy sources and increase sustainable critical mineral production. This Attorney-Advisor would consult with senior 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 U.S. energy and climate policy goals. This Attorney-Advisor would collaborate across US Government agencies in the energy and minerals spaces, and support the US State Department's Energy and Minerals Governance Program and Energy Resource Governance Initiative, and USAID's Power Africa program. For more about CLDP's Energy Transition team and what we do, please see our website [here](#).

**For this position:**

- Prior legal experience in the energy sector, in particular the power and/or minerals (mining) sectors. 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 minerals sectors.
- Prior experience with the drafting or review of transactional documents in the energy sector, in particular the power and/or minerals (mining) sectors. Knowledge of, or familiarity with, clauses to lower emissions and decarbonize operations and supply chains preferred. Examples include power purchase agreements, renewable energy certificate or emissions credits sales and purchase agreements, host government instruments in the mining sector, as well as project finance documents.
- Prior experience and/or familiarity with working with foreign governments and/or development finance institutions is strongly preferred.
- Frequent international travel may be required, especially as pandemic risk subsides. CLDP Attorney-Advisors now travel infrequently, but prior to the pandemic, CLDP

Attorney-Advisors in this position carried out many of their programs in the host countries around the world.

- Knowledge of another language is not required but is preferred.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen and registered for Selective Service if applicable.
- Must be able to verify active bar membership in good standing in at least one U.S. jurisdiction.
- Must be able to obtain a Secret level security clearance.

This position may be filled at the GS 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 GS-13, applicants must possess a JD, active bar membership, and a minimum of 4 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 experience.

#### **How to apply:**

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](mailto: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, experts, 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. 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.