

NYC OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Title:	Court Representative, Litigation Division
Salary:	\$70,000 - \$85,000
Bureau/Division:	Bureau of Law & Adjustment
Period:	June 8, 2020 - Until Filled

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Bureau of Law & Adjustment (BLA) settles and adjusts claims filed against and on behalf of the City of New York. After a claim is filed, it is investigated. Based on the results of the investigation, the Comptroller's Office may extend an offer to settle the claim. If the claim cannot be settled, the claimant may choose to pursue the matter through the courts.

Reporting directly to the Deputy Director of Litigation, and under the general guidance of the Senior Court Representative, duties for the position include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Adhere to best practices to efficiently and effectively evaluate, negotiate, and settle pre-litigation claims and pending litigation on behalf of the City of New York and its agencies;
- Assess risk based on the facts presented and the relevant law;
- Evaluate, deliberate on, and respond to Law Department recommendations for settlement of cases within delegated authority using independent judgment and risk analysis;
- Prepare complex legal memoranda on pre-litigation claims and pending litigation to request settlement authority beyond delegated settlement authority;
- Participate in settlement negotiations both in and out of court in an informed and professional manner consistent with the highest standards of the Comptroller's Office;
- Appear in state or federal court as required;
- Attend early-settlement conferences at the Law Department on behalf of the Comptroller's Office;
- Attend 50-h hearings when necessary; and,
- Perform other related assignments as directed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Admission to the New York State Bar and two (2) or more years of progressively responsible experience performing highly complex and significant legal work subsequent to admission to any bar. Incumbents must remain members of the New York State Bar in good standing for the duration of this employment; **or**,

2. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college and four (4) or more years of progressively responsible experience investigating and settling liability claims, 18 months of which must have been in an administrative, managerial or executive capacity or supervising staff performing the investigation and settlement of liability claims or related work; **or**,
3. Education and/or experience equivalent to "2" above.

PREFERRED SKILLS IN ADDITION TO MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Extensive litigation experience, preferably defense work, in the areas of torts, medical malpractice, employment, or civil rights litigation;
- At least 18 or more months of litigation experience that includes handling all aspects of tort litigation, including but not limited to taking depositions, motion practice, oral arguments, preparing and conducting trials, engaging in settlement conferences and negotiations, or adjusting personal injury claims;
- Strong negotiation skills;
- Appearances in state and federal courts located in New York City;
- Exceptional analytical, writing, and verbal communication skills;
- Demonstrated proficiency in drafting clear, concise, and accurate memoranda;
- Excellent interpersonal and organization skills (including Microsoft Office Suite proficiency).

TO APPLY, GO TO: Employment Opportunities at www.comptroller.nyc.gov

Certain residency requirements may apply. We appreciate every applicant's interest; however, only those under consideration will be contacted.

Note: Vacancy notices listed as "Until Filled" will be posted for at least five work days.

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