



OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Seattle Region X

The Social Security Administration Office of the General Counsel (OGC) in Seattle, Washington is seeking to hire attorneys in fiscal year 2020 (between now and the end of September 2020).

Our mission

Our mission is to promote, advocate for, and protect all legal interests of the Social Security Administration (SSA) and safeguard the personal information maintained by the agency. Our commitment, creativity, and hard work enable the agency to administer benefits and provide financial protection to over 69 million individuals.

Our work

Our office has approximately forty attorneys who primarily handle civil litigation and provide legal advice to various agency clients. The majority of Seattle OGC's day-to-day work involves defending disability claims denials, which are challenged in federal district courts and sometimes appealed to federal circuit courts of appeals.

Attorneys' primary duties will include researching, drafting, and editing federal court briefs. This work involves extensive legal research of federal case law, regulations, agency policies, and medical terminology. Attorneys also have the opportunity to handle other practice areas such as:

- **Labor and Employment Law:** advising agency managers regarding personnel matters such as employee misconduct, performance problems, grievances, and discrimination complaints; handling discovery and hearings in related litigation.
- **Legal Opinions:** researching and drafting legal memoranda regarding the proper operation of SSA benefits programs.

OGC attorneys might also analyze requests to release agency information, pursue allegations of misconduct by SSA claimants' representatives, investigate allegations of civil rights violations, and help prevent the discharge of SSA overpayments in state and federal courts.

Our workplace

We value respect, collegiality, and employees' continued professional development throughout their careers. We have a family-friendly environment that provides many options to achieve work-life balance. These options include teleworking several days a week, alternative work schedules (e.g., 4/10 and other options), and flexible hours.

To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, law school transcript, and writing sample to OGC.Seattle@ssa.gov.