



Legal Officer – Whyalla

Criminal Law

The Organisation

The Legal Services Commission is passionate about ensuring justice is available and accessible for all South Australians. As the largest legal assistance service in SA, we ensure that South Australians have access to a trusted lawyer when they need help to be heard, provide them with easy ways to learn about their rights and responsibilities, and answer their legal questions.

Each year over 140,000 South Australians benefit from the services we deliver.

The Role

The Legal Officer will advise people charged with criminal offences and represent them in court. The Legal Officer will build a criminal file practice and perform duty solicitor work in the Northern Regions – primarily in the Whyalla Magistrates Court – and appear remotely in other regional and metropolitan areas as required. The Legal Officer will conduct less serious Magistrates/Youth Court trials as counsel under general supervision and undertake assigned criminal case file solicitor's work in Magistrates, Youth and District Court matters as directed by the Manager of the Criminal Law Practice Division.

The Legal Officer will conduct pleas in appropriate matters in the District Court and conduct as counsel, under supervision, sentence appeals and bail reviews in summary/minor indictable matters from the Magistrates/Youth Courts to the Supreme Court.

Salary Range

\$96,040 - \$103,041 per annum pro rata including salary, superannuation and leave loading.

As a not-for-profit organisation, Legal Services is able to offer its employees attractive salary sacrifice arrangements, including up to \$15,900 pre-tax each Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT) year for general living expenses.

Position Status

Full time 2 year employment arrangement.

What You Need For Success

The ideal candidate will:

- Hold an unrestricted Category C Practising Certificate or currently eligible to apply for an unrestricted Category C Practising Certificate.
- Be an admitted practitioner of the Supreme Court of South Australia and High Court of Australia.
- Possess a minimum of 2 years post admission legal experience.
- Deliver high quality, concise advice by assessing problems logically, thoroughly and reliably with due skill and diligence.

- Relate well to members of the judiciary, support staff, government and non-government agencies, other professional organisations, fellow legal practitioners and members of the public.
- Private or public legal practice files management, time recording, and costing of files.
- A broad knowledge of governmental and private agencies in the social welfare and justice system.

The incentive we offer you to relocate to Whyalla

Salary Allowance of 10% of the per annum salary while employed in this Legal Officer role based in Whyalla.

Generous relocation assistance such as:

- Removalist expenses for household good (direct payment to provider).
- One way travel or mileage allowance payable (via reimbursement).
- Up to two weeks short-term accommodation (if required).

Workplace Benefits

We provide a range of financial and non-financial benefits to our employees that include:

- The opportunity to work alongside passionate and dedicated colleagues in a supportive workplace that is concerned about employee well-being.
- Generous salary sacrifice benefits (as outlined above).
- Flexible working arrangements.
- Payment of Practising Certificate for legal staff.
- Payment of relevant professional memberships.
- Support for employees and their families through our inclusive Employee Assistance Program.
- Supported training and development opportunities in areas including working with vulnerable clients, cultural sensitivity and trauma informed practice.
- Access to a comprehensive in-house legal Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program.
- Contemporary workplace accommodation.
- Career development opportunities within the team and the organisation.
- Payment of employment screening checks.

Next Steps

To apply for this role you will need to submit your written application, consisting of a covering letter and your supporting résumé, to HR@lsc.sa.gov.au. **All applications are to be submitted by 5pm Sunday 28th April 2024.**

Please refer to the Position Description for further details. Should you require any further information please direct your query to Stephen Law, Team Leader on (08) 8111 5322.

We welcome applications from everyone. We are an inclusive employer, and support diversity and inclusion by recognising our staff for their unique qualities, ideas, and insights. Workplace benefits include flexible working conditions as well as access to very generous salary packaging benefits through Maxxia (<https://www.maxxia.com.au/>), reducing the income tax you pay.