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**The Office of the Chief Counsel for International Commerce  
Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Commerce**

**Attorney-Advisor Vacancy**

The U.S. Department of Commerce Office of the General Counsel is seeking a GS-12/13 Attorney-Advisor in the Office of the Chief Counsel for International Commerce (OCC/IC). OCC/IC provides programmatic legal advice and support to the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) in support of the Department's work in opening foreign markets, fostering the free flow of data across borders, ensuring compliance with international trade agreements, promoting investment in the United States, supporting U.S. exports, and protecting U.S. commercial interests abroad. OCC/IC attorneys work on diverse legal issues including international trade, investment, competition, anticorruption and transparency, and export promotion. Attorneys in the office support the negotiation and implementation of international trade and investment agreements, work on ensuring that foreign countries are complying with these agreements, and provide legal support to a wide variety of ITA trade and investment programs.

**Major Duties:**

The attorney serving in this position will provide legal advice and support to ITA on laws, regulations, international agreements, and commercial practices in the United States and foreign countries affecting trade and investment. The attorney must be able to handle a variety of assignments with short, time-critical deadlines. The attorney must demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills suitable for successfully working on a team with ITA and other attorneys in the Office of the General Counsel. The attorney will work closely with ITA staff on projects that require legal analysis and in developing and implementing programs to ensure their consistency with legal requirements. The attorney's work will involve legal review of ITA's programs, agreements, briefing materials, and correspondence for legal accuracy. The attorney will also be expected to analyze legal risks and develop recommendations that minimize these risks.

**Salary Range:**

**GS-12** - \$83,398 to \$108,422

**GS-13** - \$99,172 to \$128,920

(promotion potential to GS-15; although neither guaranteed nor implied).

**Qualifications:**

**Bar Membership:** Applicant must provide proof of an active bar membership in good standing of the bar of a state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**Experience:** Applicant must possess at least one year of professional legal experience following law school. The ideal candidate will have experience in the practice of international trade and/or investment law, specifically involving multilateral or bilateral trade-related agreements or arrangements.

Education: Applicant must have graduated from an ABA-accredited law school. Applicant must provide a law school transcript reflecting a conferred J.D.

Transcript must demonstrate successful completion of law school courses in international trade or investment. Coursework in international law, international business transactions, international dispute resolution, comparative law, administrative law, and competition law is desirable. The ideal candidate will have a strong academic record from an institution with a developed international law program.

Citizenship: Applicant must be a U.S. citizen. Dual citizens must be prepared to relinquish foreign citizenship.

The successful candidate must be able to pass a background investigation and obtain and maintain a security clearance.

### **Application Requirements:**

A resume and cover letter must be submitted that supports possession of the following knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs): exceptional analytical and critical thinking skills; exceptional writing, organizational, and interpersonal communications skills; working knowledge of international trade and/or investment law; demonstrated ability to conduct complex domestic and international legal research.

Please send your cover letter, a one-page resume, a law school transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable), and a legal writing sample (5 pages or less, preferably on international trade or investment law issues) to [occic@doc.gov](mailto:occic@doc.gov).

Due to the volume of anticipated applications, we will only notify applicants if they are selected for an interview.