NEW MEXICO JUDICIAL BRANCH

APPELLATE ATTORNEY - SENIOR
(At-Will)

TARGET SALARY: $87,828-$175,656 annually, or $42.225-$84.450 hourly depending upon experience (pay range NN)
LOCATION: Supreme Court or Court of Appeals
FLSA STATUS: Exempt
JOB CODE: 1061JB (At-Will)
BENEFITS: Competitive benefits package offered

THE NEW MEXICO JUDICIARY

The Mission of the New Mexico Judiciary is to protect the rights and liberties of the people of New Mexico guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico and the United States; to resolve legal disputes fairly, and to ensure access to justice for all.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Acting under administrative direction of a Justice or Judge, Chief Appellate Court Clerk, or a supervising appellate attorney provides legal advice, performs legal research and analysis, and makes recommendations to the court.

EXAMPLES OF JOB DUTIES

- **The Appellate Attorney – Senior (At-Will)** is responsible for reviewing cases, performing legal research, and identifying, analyzing, and assessing the impact of applicable law.
- May train, supervise, mentor, and evaluate performance.
- Assists the Court with the exercise of its constitutional rulemaking authority and provides staff support for their rulemaking committees, boards, and commissions.
- Drafts recommendations and proposed dispositions for assigned cases.
- Screens pro se petitions for jurisdiction and procedural prerequisites.
- May respond on behalf of the Court to correspondence, e-mails and telephone calls from pro se litigants, inmates, attorneys, and members of the public.
- Assists the Court to resolve pending appeals by reviewing motions, docketing statements and briefs.
- May lead the reviews and disposition of Driving while Intoxicated and Domestic Violence cases on appeal from Metropolitan Court and review cases on appeal from Motor Vehicle Department license revocation hearings.
- Recommends appropriate courses of action and dispositions.
- Drafts memoranda of law, proposed opinions, and orders for administrative appeals of record and de novo appeals.
- Analyzes briefs, records, and legal authorities cited.
- Creates proposed orders addressing petitions for extraordinary writs and motions in civil and criminal matters.
- Evaluates court processes and formulates, recommends and implements policies and procedures to ensure uniform compliance with statutory and constitutional provisions, case law and Supreme Court Rules.
- May assist management on personnel issues and ensures compliance with applicable employment laws, rules, regulations, court, and AOC policies, and procedures.

- May assist with requests for proposals and invitations to bid.
- May develop judicial procedures and documentation for conducting stream adjudication and provide legal direction to judges and courts related to stream adjudication cases.
- Prepares and makes oral presentations, training or continuing education at national, state and local conferences.
- Attends trials and hearings, and meets with court administration and staff on legal or court matters.
- Researches proposed legislation, provide testimony and participate in developing strategies for passage of legislation.
- Communicates, supports, and develops working relationships with associated parties.
- Prepares curriculum or workshop materials for training and educational programs.
- Ensures compliance with statuary deadlines and budgetary limitations.
- May serve on statewide or local committees.
- Other duties as assigned.

COMPETENCIES/QUALIFICATIONS

The successful applicant should demonstrate knowledge of United States and New Mexico constitutions, federal law, New Mexico case law, statutes, rules, policies and procedures; rules of Criminal and Civil procedures, rules of Appellate Procedure, rules of evidence, the Code of Judicial Conduct, and rules of Professional Conduct. Court jurisdiction and operations; legal research; judiciary processes and policies, administrative, civil and criminal law and procedures. Principles of legal analysis and writing, legal proofreading and editing; court case management systems; supervisory techniques, mediating and managing conflict. Employment law; and conflict-resolution principles and techniques. Ability to balance practical and legal considerations, develop procedures, comprehend and explain complex issues and solve problems.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Must be a graduate of a law school meeting the standards of accreditation of the American Bar Association; possess and maintain a license to practice law in the State of New Mexico.

Education Substitution: None.

Experience: Seven (7) years of experience in the practice of applicable law.

Experience Substitution: None.

OR

Experience: If assigned the supervision of one (1) legal staff employee, seven (7) years of experience in the practice of applicable law, of which one (1) year must have been as a supervisor.

Experience Substitution: None.

Supervisory Substitution: Leadworker duties may be considered on a prorated basis for supervisory experience at a rate of one (1) year equals six (6) months. Leadworker assigned duties may include the development of employee performance plans and appraisals, discipline and approval of time for assigned staff. An additional one (1) year of directly related experience

may substitute for the supervisory experience provided the incumbent attends the NMJB Supervisory Mentorship Program Training at their earliest opportunity.

WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The following functions are representative, but not all-inclusive of the work environment and physical demands an employee may expect to encounter in performing tasks assigned to this job. Work is performed in an office or court setting. A valid driver's license and travel may be required. The assigned work schedule may include nights, weekends, holidays and overtime. The employee must regularly interact positively with co-workers, clients, the public, judges, and justices.

** This job description is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions performed*

BENEFITS

- Medical/Dental/Vision/Rx, Short, and Long Term Disability Insurance Programs, employeeassistance program (EAP) [http://www.mybenefitsnm.com/]
- State paid life insurance, supplemental and dependent life insurance
- Optional flexible spending accounts for medical, day-care, and travel expenses
- Paid vacation and sick leave up to eight (8) weeks
- Eleven (11) paid holidays
- Up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave
- Deferred Compensation 457(b) plan
- Lifetime Defined Benefits Retirement Plan [http://www.nmpera.org/]
- Flexible work schedules and alternative work locations*
- Free health care, Rx, and lab work at the facility (Stay Well Health Center) in Santa Fe, NM
- Bilingual compensation*
- Training and career development opportunities
- Higher education opportunities, educational leave, and tuition reimbursement
- May qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)
- May receive overtime holiday or shift differential pay*
- May receive physical fitness leave*
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These benefits vary by job classification or need

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History of Job Description: Dev: 02/03/24, Rev: 03/15/24 Correction to Supervisory Substitution; Rev Pay Range: 07/06/24, 07/05/25, 07/04/26

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