

Attorney General Position-Republic of Palau

The Republic of Palau (ROP), a beautiful island nation in the Western Pacific with a population of about 20,000 persons, is seeking applicants for the position of Attorney General. The position is filled by presidential appointment.

The Attorney General Office (AGO) provides advice and legal support for the executive branch, including the ministers and their staff, on civil matters, defends the ROP in litigation and prosecutes all criminal matters in the Supreme Court. The AGO also provides advice and support through special counsel for several governmental agencies (e.g, Environmental Quality Protection Board, Foreign Investment Board and Palau Election Commission).

The AGO is organized by executive order of the President as an executive branch agency within the Ministry of Justice and is staffed by 9 attorneys, three administrative employees and two investigators. The office is divided into Civil and Criminal Divisions and has senior attorneys heading each division. The office is budgeted through the national congress on an annual basis. Office space is located in the judiciary building in Koror and at the Capitol.

The civil division reviews government contracts and memorandums of understanding, serves as the corporate registrar, defends the ROP in litigation, pursues civil lawsuits to enforce ROP laws, issues legal opinions, reviews proposed legislation, drafts regulations, and provides overall legal support and advice for the executive branch. The criminal division trains and advises officers, drafts arrest and search warrants, reviews offense reports, drafts charging instruments and supporting affidavits, and prosecutes both felony and misdemeanor criminal cases through appeal.

AG is responsible for hiring, supervising, evaluating, compensating and disciplining employees of the office. AG identifies and describes the specific duties, structure and policies of the office. AG is responsible for all communications with the President, Vice-President and Ministers and assigns requests for advice and support to attorneys in the office. AG reviews requests for executive clemency and provides written recommendation. AG or designee also fills membership on various boards and commissions, as directed by president.

Applicant must have membership in good standing in a U.S. state bar and law degree from an ABA accredited law school. Salary is \$65,000.000 per annum in addition to a housing allowance of \$1,000.00 per month. Benefits include roundtrip airfare and shipping of household effects (150 lbs. priority mail). The position is filled, after presidential appointment, by execution of a two-year contract, subject to renewal.

Applicant must have been licensed to practice law for at least ten years. Experience should include: criminal prosecution, work in civil matters and supervision of employees. Experience in working with elected officials and/or having served as head of a governmental office preferred but not required.

Please send cover letter, resume and list of at least three references by e-mail to:

Email: agoffice@palaunet.com

Subject line: Application for Attorney General

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled