



Investigative Counsel Detail Opportunity – Integrity Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

December 17, 2021 – The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) is pleased to offer a reimbursable detail opportunity (1 year) to the Integrity Committee (IC) to current Inspector General (IG) community attorneys and other Federal employee attorneys (GS 13, 14, and 15 levels considered). This opportunity is available starting January 2022 and will remain open until filled.

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, mandates that the IC receive, review, and refer for investigation allegations of wrongdoing made against IGs, certain designated senior members of an Office of Inspector General (OIG), and the Special Counsel and Deputy Special Counsel of the Office of Special Counsel (OSC).

Detail Description

The investigative counsel detailee will serve as a legal advisor to CIGIE's IC and supports the lead CIGIE attorney on matters pending before the IC, IC investigations, and other IC-related legal matters characterized by one or more of the following: 1) extremely complex and difficult legal or factual issues requiring a high order of legal endeavor; 2) matters that can substantially broaden or restrict the activities of IC or have an important impact on CIGIE member organizations and other Federal Government operations; or 3) matters that are frequently vigorously contested by extremely capable legal talent. The detailee will also support CIGIE's IC-related Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act programs. The detailee will report to CIGIE's Senior Assistant General Counsel (Integrity Committee).

As directed by CIGIE's Senior Assistant General Counsel, the detailee will be responsible for the analysis of the legal issue in question, the development of the strategy to deal with the legal issue, and the content and means of delivery of the completed analysis of the legal issues. At this level, the detailee will frequently deal with IC leadership and other IC members (including Presidentially Appointed Senate Confirmed individuals), top leadership and management of CIGIE, and top management and attorneys of OIGs and of other private and public organizations. As directed by CIGIE's Senior Assistant General Counsel, the detailee may independently decide a broad array of procedural or substantive issues for presentation and deliver such presentations to: the IC; CIGIE leadership, management, and general membership; a member of Congress or senior congressional staff; senior Administration officials; and senior OIG officials. For case work, the detailee will be expected to become an expert in the procedural and substantive aspects of the case, investigation, or other matter, and draft critical guidance, advice, or presentations that are central to the disposition of the substantive aspects of the matter. Legal advice to the IC will also be coordinated with the IC's statutory legal advisor, the Chief of the Public Integrity Section (PIN) of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ), or his designee.

Further, the detailee will serve as an attorney with expertise in general administrative and other areas of law, to include the Inspector General Act of 1978, FOIA, the Privacy Act, the Federal Records Act, the Ethics in Government Act, Congressional requests, interagency agreements, whistleblower protections, equal employment opportunity, IC Policies and Procedures, and CIGIE's Quality Standards for Investigations. The detailee will support the administration of CIGIE's IC-related and overall FOIA and Privacy Act programs, providing technical legal advice and guidance to key officials on related activities, processing requests, and providing information required for quarterly and annual reports. The detailee will coordinate with other staff assigned to support CIGIE's FOIA and Privacy Act program.

The detailee will also perform other duties as assigned to support the responsibilities of CIGIE's OGC, as directed by CIGIE's Senior Assistant General Counsel (Integrity Committee) or CIGIE's General Counsel.

Mission of the Integrity Committee

Members of the IG community are charged with protecting the integrity, efficiency, and economy of the Federal government and its programs, activities, and operations. To maintain public trust, all IG community members must adhere to high standards of official conduct and are accountable in the event that they fall short of those standards. The statutory mandate of CIGIE's IC is to receive, review, and refer for investigation allegations of wrongdoing made against IGs or Acting IGs who are members of CIGIE, designated members of the senior staffs of those IGs, and the Special Counsel and Deputy Special Counsel of OSC, and to ensure the fair, consistent, timely, and impartial disposition of allegations that fall within the IC's statutory mandate.

Consisting of four IGs, representatives from the FBI and the Office of Government Ethics, and a small support staff, the IC opened 65 cases for review in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, and continued to see an increase in the complexity and severity of the allegations. The number of incoming communications to the IC also continued to rise, from 1,152 in FY 2020, to 3,917 in FY 2021. In FY 2021, the IC met 19 times, reviewed an average of 1,047 pages of material per meeting, initiated 4 investigations, and completed 3 investigations.

Qualifications Required for Position

At least three (3) years of post J.D. legal experience, to include: 1) Providing legal advice, guidance, and support to a government agency in connection with the conduct of administrative, civil, or criminal investigations; 2) Conducting, directing, or providing strategic support on behalf of a government agency in an administrative, civil, or criminal investigation (strategic support means engaging in decision-making regarding investigative techniques and approaches to be applied in the course of an investigation); 3) providing legal advice, guidance, and support to a government agency in connection with requests for documents and other information from external individuals, including from the public (e.g., the Freedom of Information Act), the subjects of or witnesses in investigations (e.g., the Privacy Act), other government agencies, elected officials (e.g., Members of Congress), or the press; and 4) other legal experience relevant to the detail description above.

Maintain membership in good standing in the bar of any jurisdiction of the United States.

Contact

Interested candidates should provide a resume and concurrence from their manager via email to:

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