



Homes and Community Renewal

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DEPUTY COUNSEL FOR HFA/SONYMA

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) fosters the creation and preservation of high quality affordable housing, while working strategically to revitalize neighborhoods and communities throughout the Empire State. Under the leadership of Governor Kathy Hochul and Commissioner RuthAnne Visnaukas, **HCR** is a vibrant, innovative agency that integrates and leverages New York State's housing resources. We have offices in New York City, Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse, and employ a diverse workforce of professionals who are hard-working and committed to serving low and moderate income families. Our mission is far reaching, encompassing single and multifamily housing finance, home improvement, rent regulation, housing subsidies, and community development. We partner regularly with a variety of public and private stakeholders.

Achieving this mission requires a wide range of skills and backgrounds in public policy, administration, real estate, architecture, finance, law and many other areas of expertise. We seek to provide a workplace environment that is productive, flexible, accountable, ethical and caring. Our employees are empowered to make a difference where they live and work. We offer competitive pay and a comprehensive benefits package, including paid leave, health, dental, vision, retirement and family-friendly policies.

JOB SUMMARY

Reporting to the General Counsel, the Deputy Counsel for HFA/SONYMA is responsible for leading the team providing legal services to the New York State Housing Finance Agency, the State of New York Mortgage Agency and the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, as well as the New York State Municipal Bond Bank Agency, and the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation. The practice is largely transactional focused on HFA bond financed multi-family housing projects utilizing LIHTC, various subsidy sources and credit enhancement providers from initial financing through permanent conversion. The Deputy Counsel will supervise attorneys providing legal support on a range of legal issues relating to asset management, bond issuance, procurement and corporate governance.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Deputy Counsel will be responsible for:

- All legal aspects of multi-family bond housing financings, both at initial funding and at conversion;
- All legal aspects of the related real estate financings matters;
- All other legal areas related to the project financings, as required;
- All legal aspects of loan and asset management;
- All legal services related to mortgage enforcement;



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- The supervision of Senior Associate, Associate and Assistant Counsel in all aspects of their work, as assigned;
- Supervision of outside counsel, as required;
- The supervision of support staff.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be admitted to the practice of law in New York State;
- Must have 8 years of experience with at least 5 years of experience in real estate law.
- The candidate must also have significant experience with sophisticated real estate transaction, secured financing, construction lending and mortgage loan portfolio management, or have a good understanding of the preceding together with government experience and experience with the legislative process; litigation experience may also be useful;
- Knowledge of environmental law, tax law and rent regulation helpful;
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with staff and outside attorneys and consultants;
- Ability to supervise professional legal staff;
- Ability to work under pressure;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Strong analytical and organizational skills;
- Record of productivity;
- Demonstrated history of good record of attendance and punctuality.

This job description is not intended to be all inclusive, and employee will also perform reasonable related business duties as assigned.

What we offer:

- Extensive benefits package including paid leave, excellent health, dental, vision and retirement benefits;
- Promotional opportunity for dedicated professionals.

All internal SONYMA/HFA/AHC employees (only) are directed to apply via
internalcandidates@hcr.ny.gov

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