



## 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 Visnuskas, 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 ("HFA"), and its subsidiary the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation ("AHC"), as well as for the State of New York Mortgage Agency ("SONYMA") and for the State of New York Municipal Bond Bank Agency ("MBBA") and its subsidiary, the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation ("TSFC"). HFA, SONYMA and MBBA, as well as their respective subsidiaries, are public benefit corporations of the State of New York, and fund their operations through the issuance of bonds.

The role of the attorneys in the Legal Department is largely transactional. Attorneys work on HFA bond financed multi-family housing projects from initial financing through permanent conversion after construction. HFA projects utilize the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit as well as various subsidy sources and credit enhancement. Attorneys also work on the bond-financed single-family bonds that fund SONYMA mortgage loans. The Deputy Counsel will supervise a staff of attorneys and paralegals providing legal support on a range of issues relating to bond issuance, asset management, procurement and related in-house legal duties.

The Deputy Counsel will be responsible for general corporate governance of each of the Agencies, which includes all Board-related responsibilities as well as legislation, all State reporting responsibilities under the Agencies' statutes and the State Public Authorities Law.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Deputy Counsel will be responsible for:

- All aspects of multi-family and single-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 aspects of corporate governance of each of the Agencies, including the management of all tasks related to the Agencies' Boards;
- All legal aspects of loan and asset management;
- All legal services related to mortgage enforcement;
- The supervision of the staff of attorneys and paralegals in all aspects of their work; and
- Supervision of outside counsel.

**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.
- Significant experience with sophisticated real estate transactions, secured financing, construction lending and mortgage loan portfolio management, or understanding of the preceding together with government experience and experience with the legislative process;
- Experience in providing advice to senior executive level officers, including advice and interaction with boards of directors.
- Experience leading and managing a professional team of lawyers
- Knowledge of environmental law, tax law, rent regulation and litigation helpful;
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with outside attorneys and consultants;
- Ability to supervise professional legal staff;
- Ability to work under pressure;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; and
- Strong analytical and organizational skills

This job description is not intended to be all inclusive, and employee will also perform reasonably 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  
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