



**Responsibility for:** The use of discretion and independent judgment; acquiring and retaining familiarity with a large number of complex court cases and sophisticated and rapidly changing principles of law and applying these principles to complex factual situations; drafting contract provisions for City departments; taking requests by departments and translating into legal terminology with sufficient clarity to clearly describe the duties of each party to withstand court challenges; must clearly assign risks for negligence and failure to perform contract duties, damage risk ranges from a few hundred dollars to hundreds of thousands and more where serious injury results from a party's negligence; great responsibility for making decisions in matters of serious financial or practical consequence or involving the welfare of lives and property; great responsibility for the supervision of staff members.

**Communication Skills:** Ability to effectively counsel, persuade, and inform others regarding city operations, policies and needs, under close scrutiny of the public, press, political interests, courts and other agencies of government; respond impromptu, examine witnesses effectively, and argue persuasively, often under hostile and stressful circumstances; relate positively and professionally with legal counsel, judicial, administrative, and legislative officials, press representatives, co-workers, and members of the general public; exhibit patience and empathy with persons holding hostile or opposing views; maintain professional confidences; constructively and creatively solve problems and resolve disputes; represent the City with decorum in a manner which promotes public confidence in the City, its officials and employees; frequent contacts with executives on matters requiring explanations and discussions and daily contact with other City departments requiring tact and judgment to avoid friction.

**Tool, Machine, Equipment Operation:** Regular use of a vehicle; regular computer use is required with ability to operate mainframe system and word processing software; occasional use of copier machine to copy legal documents; regular use of a fax machine, telephone and copier.

**Analytical Ability:** Great initiative and ingenuity is necessary; collect and rapidly assimilate facts; organize, analyze, and retain familiarity with large numbers of complex court cases; research effectively and require and retain familiarity with sophisticated and rapidly changing principles of law and apply principles to complex factual situations; concentrate and function effectively and independently under heavy workload demands in matters of serious financial or practical consequence or involving the welfare of lives and property.

VI. Working Conditions:

*Physical Demands:* While performing duties of job, employee typically handles office equipment, objects, or controls; may periodically bend, stoop or crouch; and frequently communicates with others. Employee will sit or stand for long periods of time and may occasionally move up to 20 pounds.

*Work Environment:* Employee will work in a generally comfortable office setting. The noise level in the work environment is usually minimal. Great pressure and fatigue are present in this position due to moderate exposure to stressful situations, overtime, and deadlines; constant attendance is required; work assignments are broad and performed with little or no supervision or checking; work is referred to supervisor only when policy questions arise.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the person(s) assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, and skills required of personnel so classified. The approved class specifications are not intended to and do not infer or create any employment, compensation, or contract rights to any person or persons. This updated job description supersedes prior descriptions for the same position. Management reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.

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