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The City of Syracuse's Department of Law is hiring. If you are a resident of the City of Syracuse (or are willing to relocate) and have a passion for public service, take a look at the exciting opportunities with the City. The Office of Corporation Counsel offers a supportive, collegial environment without the pressures of billable hours and client marketing. Attorneys are given wide autonomy to manage their work, but have a team of fellow attorneys to offer support and guidance. Apply via email at law@syrgov.net, attn: Kristen Smith, Corporation Counsel.

1. Assistant Corporation Counsel - Civil Litigation: The City of Syracuse Office of Corporation Counsel is seeking litigation attorneys to handle complex civil litigation in state and federal court on behalf of the City and its employees. Attorneys have the opportunity to defend a wide variety of claims including civil rights violations, employment discrimination, personal injury, property damage, contract disputes and more. The attorney must be able to independently manage all phases of litigation, including discovery, motion practice, trials and appeals. Trial and other courtroom experience is available from day one. The successful candidate must have superior analytical, writing and oral advocacy skills, and must be able to handle a heavy caseload. Will consider attorneys with all levels of litigation experience.
2. Assistant Corporation Counsel - Vacant Housing (AKA *Zombie Busting Attorney*): The City of Syracuse is seeking an aggressive, experienced, creative and public-service minded attorney to address issues of housing vacancy, including zombie structures, in Syracuse. This is an excellent opportunity for an attorney who cares deeply about the quality of neighborhood life in the City of Syracuse and wants to use their legal talents to make a visible, positive impact in Syracuse neighborhoods.

This attorney will need a combination of litigation, research, innovation and project management skills to develop and implement a comprehensive legal strategy for combatting the blight caused by vacant properties in the City of Syracuse. Candidates must be admitted to the New York bar and have at least three (3) years of experience litigating civil matters in New York state courts. Candidates should have a deep understanding of NY CPLR, have excellent research and analytical skills.

3. Assistant Corporation Counsel – Collections & Housing: The City of Syracuse is seeking an experienced attorney to litigate housing and legal collections matters and provide leadership to other attorneys and paralegals in this area. This is an opportunity to make a difference in the neighborhoods of Syracuse by gaining increased compliance with codes requirements. This attorney will focus primarily on complex collections matters, employing a variety of legal strategies to drive collections of outstanding judgments related to housing code violations and demolitions. The attorney must also pursue aggressive, innovative legal strategies to drive compliance by the most difficult housing code violators. Experience with civil litigation in New York state courts is required. Knowledge of judgment and collections provisions of the NY CPLR is a plus.

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