

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT, VIRGINIA  
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**TITLE: ASSISTANT COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The essential function of the position within the organization is to provide legal services and assist the Commonwealth Attorney. The position is responsible for representing the Commonwealth's interests in criminal matters in various County courts, and determining charges and prosecution. The position works under general supervision according to some procedures; decides how and when to complete tasks.

**PRIMARY DUTIES:** *This list represents the essential tasks performed by the position. Employees may be assigned additional duties by management as required.*

Prosecute criminal cases in County court.

Research, prepare and analyze cases for prosecution.

Prepare and review legal documents.

Consult with law enforcement officers about potential cases.

Provide legal advice to law enforcement agencies and answer legal questions from the general public.

Interview witnesses about pending cases.

Attend meetings and update legal knowledge.

**DATA RESPONSIBILITY:** *Data refers to information, knowledge, and conceptions obtained by observation, investigation, interpretation, visualization, and mental creation. Data are intangible and include numbers, words, symbols, ideas, concepts, and oral verbalizations.*

Compiles, examines, or evaluates data or information and possibly recommends action based on results.

**PEOPLE RESPONSIBILITY:** *People refers to individuals who have contact with or are influenced by the position.*

Persuades or influences others in favor of a service, course of action, or point of view.

**INVOLVEMENT WITH THINGS:** *Things refers to inanimate objects such as substances, materials, machines, tools, equipment, work aids, or products. A thing is tangible and has shape, form, and other physical characteristics.*

Handles machines, tools, equipment, or work aids involving little or no latitude for judgment regarding attainment of standard or in selecting appropriate items.

**ASSETS RESPONSIBILITY:** *Assets responsibility refers to the responsibility for achieving economies or preventing loss within the organization.*

Requires minimum responsibility for only small quantities of low cost items or supplies where opportunities for achieving economies or preventing loss are negligible.

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**SAFETY OF OTHERS:** *Safety of others refers to the responsibility for other people's safety, either inherent in the job or to assure the safety of the general public.*

Requires considerable responsibility for the safety and health of others and/or continuous enforcement of the laws and standards of public health and safety.

**MATHEMATICAL REQUIREMENTS:** *Mathematics deals with quantities, magnitudes, and forms and their relationships and attributes by the use of numbers and symbols.*

Uses addition and subtraction.

**COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:** *Communications involves the ability to read, write, and speak.*

Reads scientific and technical journals, abstracts, financial reports, and legal documents; writes complex articles and reports; makes presentations to professional groups.

**COMPLEXITY OF WORK:** *Complexity of work addresses the analysis, initiative, ingenuity, creativity, and concentration required by the position and the presence of any unusual pressures.*

Performs work involving the application of logical principles and thinking to solve practical problems within or applying to a unit or division of the organization; requires continuous, close attention for accurate results and frequent exposure to unusual pressure.

**IMPACT OF DECISIONS:** *Impact of decisions refers to consequences such as damage to property, loss of data or property, exposure of the organization to legal liability, or injury or death to individuals.*

Makes decisions with moderately serious impact - affects work unit and may affect other units or citizens.

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** *Education requirements refers to job specific training and education required for entry into the position.*

Requires Juris Doctorate degree.

**LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED:** *Licenses, certifications, and registrations refers to professional, state, or federal licenses, certifications, or registrations required to enter the position.*

Law license and member of the Virginia State Bar.

**EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:** *Experience refers to the amount of work experience that is required for entry into the position that would result in reasonable expectation that the person can perform the tasks required by the position.*

Requires one year of related experience.

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### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIREMENTS**

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** *Physical demands refers to the requirements for physical exertion and coordination of limb and body movement.*

Requires sedentary work involving sitting almost all of the time, and little or no physical effort or dexterity.

**UNAVOIDABLE HAZARDS:** *Unavoidable hazards refers to unusual conditions in the work environment that may cause illness or injury.*

The position is exposed to no unusual environmental hazards.

**SENSORY (ADA) REQUIREMENTS:** *Sensory requirements refers to hearing, sight, touch, taste, and smell necessary to perform the tasks required by the position efficiently.*

The position requires normal visual acuity and field of vision, hearing, and speaking.

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE**

The Montgomery County Government, Virginia is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ADA requires the County to provide adequate accommodations to qualified persons with disabilities. Prospective and current employees are encouraged to discuss ADA accommodations with management.