



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

State of Yap, Federated States of Micronesia

Announcement: Practice law on a tropical island. The Office of the Attorney General, Yap State, Federated States of Micronesia, is now accepting applications for the position of Assistant Attorney General.

Description: Working for the Office of the Attorney General in Yap offers a unique and once in a lifetime experience. As Assistant Attorney General, you will serve as counsel for a number of State agencies, litigate on behalf of the State in civil matters, prosecute crimes on behalf of the State, negotiate and review leases of public lands, draft legislation and agency regulations, and more.

Salary: The starting salary is \$24,000 per year, with an increase to \$28,000 per year upon passage of the FSM National Bar exam. Government housing is provided.

Minimum Qualifications: Graduation from a law school accredited in your jurisdiction; preferably at least one year post-law school experience, which can include a judicial clerkship; licensed and be in good standing with a bar association; willing to live and work in Yap for two years minimum.

Other Factors: The ideal candidate will have experience in criminal or civil litigation, contract law, administrative law, government agency advising or experience working within a state, local, or national governmental framework. Interpersonal skills and the ability to adapt to a foreign environment are essential to success in Yap. Litigation experience is a plus. Experience living and/or working in a foreign country is desirable.

Travel Costs: You will be provided with a one-way ticket from your point of origin to Yap. Upon completion of your two-year contract, you will be provided with a one-way ticket back to point of origin. Upon arrival in Yap, the candidate will be provided \$4,000 to cover the costs of shipping items to and from Yap.

Benefits: 20 days paid vacation per year; after the completion of the first year of your contract, a round-trip ticket to your point of origin for vacation; optional government health insurance.

Office Environment: The Office is currently staffed by both local and U.S. legal counsel and is an informal, fun (albeit professional) place to work. As Yap is a tropical island and thus hot year-round, suits or other formal attire are almost never worn. The ideal candidate will have a sense of humor as well as a strong work ethic.

Interview: Because it is not feasible to fly applicants to Yap, interviews will be conducted via phone, FaceTime or Skype.

Other Requirements: Candidates must hold a valid passport; Non U.S. attorneys must be able to obtain a visa.

Applications: Please email a cover letter to Rachelle Bergeron at rbergeronyapstate@gmail.com, along with your résumé and contact information for three references. Applicants may provide optional writing sample (up to 10 pages) and letters of reference. Applicants should be prepared to provide law school transcripts and letters of good standing upon request. Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis and applications will be accepted until position is filled.