



COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Department of Human Resources

Job Title: **ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY I**
Grade: 13

The County of Hidalgo Department of Human Resources reserves the right to select candidates considered to be the most highly qualified based on education and experience. The hiring department will interview and select the candidates provided by the Department of Human Resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs entry-level legal work; Work involves performing all duties as assistants to higher level licensed attorneys.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Will make decisions and/or counsels with clients, victims, or police concerning the commencement of proceedings in court or related forums

Drafts and files pleadings, answering motions, briefs and responses necessary to conduct litigation and/or proceedings in related forums

Counsels and advises clients within bounds of confidentiality, when applicable, regarding legal issues in all phases of litigation

Identifies, locates, and prepares witnesses to present testimony effectively in court or related forums

Identifies and prepares non-testimonial forms of evidence for use in court and related forums

Drafts legal instruments and various documents with legal implications

Negotiates with others to settle litigation or other contested matters or to assist in solving problems with legal implications

Develops knowledge and expertise in applicable area of law to keep pace with constant developments and to impart this knowledge and skills to others in various settings

Performs related work as assigned

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Juris Doctorate (JD) degree

Experience in legal setting

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES AND REGISTRATION

Be in the process of obtaining a license from the Texas State Bar

Must have a current valid Texas motor vehicle operator's license

Must be able to be insured by the County's insurance carrier

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Ability to work efficiently and effectively in high-pressure situations

Ability to communicate effectively

Must be computer literate

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over twenty-five (25) pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time
- standing for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others

- required to follow the County of Hidalgo Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations