



# COUNTY OF HIDALGO

## Department of Human Resources

Job Title: **ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY IV**  
Grade: 19

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*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 advanced senior-level legal work; Work involves prosecuting and defending all manner of civil and criminal matters in various levels of trials and appellate courts and administrative forums. Work under the supervision of higher level attorneys in an effort to build the knowledge, skills, and expertise necessary for this position. Investigates and litigates various cases filed with the District Attorney's office.

### **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

May also provide written or oral legal advice to individual or governmental clients, and draft legal instruments or other written materials carrying legal implication

Appears in court and/or related forums to select juries, present and cross-examine evidence, make legal arguments, and act as an oral advocate

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

Investigate facts giving rise to legal issues, and bring about solutions to their clients legal problems in a variety of 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

Conducts and/or supervises investigations and/or civil and criminal discovery proceedings

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

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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

Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas

Felony courtroom experience as an Assistant District Attorney/ Prosecutor with an emphasis on criminal trial expertise is preferred

### **CERTIFICATES, LICENSES AND REGISTRATION**

Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas is required

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

Able to handle all stressful situations with an even temperament and work effectively with others in achievement of tasks

Must possess advanced professional level of analytical ability and be very well versed in the art of being diplomatic and tactful in addition to the use of good judgment and common sense

Must possess necessary writing skills at a seasoned level to communicate information and directions to attorneys, detectives, police agencies and citizens

Must be computer literate

Knowledge of all applicable laws and procedures

Must have good working knowledge and understanding of penal statutes and code of criminal procedures as well as case holdings and departmental policies

### **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