

**DUTY STATEMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL LAW DIVISION  
GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION  
FIREARMS TEAM**

**JOB TITLE:** Deputy Attorney General Range A-B

**GENERAL STATEMENT:**

The Government Law Section provides legal advice and representation to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Department of Finance, and other state agencies and departments on a wide range of legal issues, including, but not limited to: constitutional and statutory law, government operations, elections, the state budget, public finance, state mandates, criminal information, procurement, firearms, and financial conflicts of interest and ethics. Representation includes appearances in state and federal courts throughout the State at both the trial and appellate levels. Attorneys in the Government Law Section also prepare titles and summaries for ballot measures and analyze proposed state legislation. The Firearms Team within the Government Law Section has special responsibility for advising the Bureau of Firearms, as well as the Attorney General and Executive staff, on firearms-related legal issues and assisting with related litigation.

Deputy Attorneys General in Range A are qualified to practice law in California and have the ability to perform the routine legal work of the section. Deputy Attorneys General in Range B have the ability to handle the routine legal work of the section as well as the more complex and sensitive legal work in this class. They also are expected to exercise a greater degree of independent judgment. Deputy Attorneys General in both ranges manage an increasingly challenging workload and produce high-quality work product, sometimes under tight deadlines. They also become increasingly effective oral advocates. Deputy Attorneys General represent the section's clients on legal matters, are assigned litigation, and may work on cases that may be appealed to the highest courts.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Deputy Attorneys General work under the supervision of a Supervising Deputy Attorney General and the Senior Assistant Attorney General. In a particular matter, the Supervising Deputy Attorney General or Senior Assistant Attorney General may designate another supervisor/manager to oversee the work of the deputy.

**OVERSIGHT EXERCISED:** Deputy Attorneys General may direct, monitor, and oversee the work of paralegals.

**TYPICAL PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

- May be required to sit for long hours on a daily basis, often while using a computer to do research, draft documents, and perform other duties.
- Be able to travel out-of-town for work-related purposes (including overnight travel), sometimes for extended periods of time and sometimes to remote areas.
- Be able to lift/move up to 25 pounds of books, legal files, exhibits, and/or equipment.

## **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- May be required to work over eight hours a day and on weekends/holidays, including during trials and administrative hearings or as otherwise required by operational needs.
- While working in the office, deputies work in an enclosed interior or exterior window office in a smoke-free environment.
- While teleworking, deputies work in compliance with the office's Telework Program Policy and Procedural Guide, the Exceptional Telework Request Procedures, the Legal Division Teleworking Expectations memorandum, and their section policies.

## **DUTIES (Essential Functions)**

- 40% Effectively handles increasingly challenging legal assignments for the Bureau of Firearms, while meeting all deadlines; researches and analyzes firearms-related statutes, regulations, ordinances and court decisions; provides advice to all levels of management within the Department of Justice on firearms-related legal issues; consults with law enforcement, other public agencies, the firearms industry (dealers and manufacturers), and the public on firearms-related legal issues; drafts and analyzes legislative measures and regulations; manages and occasionally directly handles firearms-related litigation on behalf of the Attorney General's Office.
- 20% Effectively advises on increasingly challenging trial and appellate litigation; may directly handle such litigation, while meeting all deadlines; in trial litigation: investigates facts and analyzes evidence; develops litigation plans, trial themes, and trial strategies; efficiently prepares and responds to pleadings, petitions, motions, writs, briefs, memoranda, written discovery requests (including e-discovery), evidentiary objections, settlement offers, other legal documents, and correspondence (including emails); retains consultants; retains and prepares expert witnesses for trial; takes and defends depositions; prepares witnesses for trial; prepares for mediation or other resolution; prepares for trial including, as necessary, by participating in mock trials or moot courts; examines and cross-examines witnesses; prepares jury instructions and verdict forms; in appellate litigation: efficiently prepares and responds to petitions, motions, writs, briefs, memoranda, other legal documents, and correspondence (including emails); participates in moot courts to prepare for oral argument and serves as moot court judge for other attorneys.
- 10% Provides research, analysis, and sound advice on increasingly challenging legal matters to clients, supervisors, managers, public officials, and representatives of public agencies; handles special legal assignments, projects, and other tasks, such as responding to Public Records Act requests. Drafts titles and summaries for proposed initiative measures and referenda; drafts analysis of proposed initiative measures, referenda, legislation, and regulations; conducts related legal and other research.
- 10% Provides increasingly effective advocacy in trials, hearings, administrative proceedings, oral arguments, and other matters.
- 10% Strategizes with supervisors, other deputies, and clients on case issues; coordinates with the Office of the Solicitor General as necessary; follows the Department of Justice policies,

procedures, and guidelines in the handling of cases; efficiently researches and analyzes the legal issues at hand; efficiently produces high-quality work product, sometimes under tight deadlines, that is legally and factually accurate, persuasive, and written with proper tone; timely submits work product for review by supervisors and clients; keeps supervisors and clients apprised of case developments; timely responds to client inquiries; advises clients on the estimated costs of litigation, the policy implications of litigation, and the risks and benefits of settlement; engages in mediation and settlement negotiations as appropriate.

- 10% Performs various of administrative functions including: timely calendars deadlines, case events, travel, and leave; timely enters case information (including documents) in ProLaw and ensures that case information, milestones, and deadlines are kept up to date; timely requests approval to take leave; enters time in ProLaw promptly, accurately, and completely, and timely records leave in Workday; completes mandatory training and takes advantage of professional training opportunities; provides mentoring and training to paralegals, and interns; participates in the hiring of deputies and paralegals as requested; attends section meetings and assists with the meetings as requested; timely files necessary paperwork to obtain approval to, e.g., hire expert witnesses, travel out of state, and take certain actions (e.g., file an amicus brief); effectively uses video-conferencing and other work-related technology.

### **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

- Knowledge of the areas of law handled by the section.
- Knowledge of: (a) the laws, rules, and guidelines governing professional conduct and conflicts of interest, including professional and financial conflicts of interest and conflicts between clients, (b) duties and powers of the California Attorney General, (c) principles of administrative and constitutional law, (d) rules of evidence and civil procedure, (e) rules of court, (f) rules governing the conduct of proceedings before administrative bodies, and (g) the Department of Justice policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Ability to handle all aspects of trial court litigation, administrative proceedings, and appellate litigation, and to effectively advocate the client's position in court and before administrative bodies.
- Ability to efficiently manage a challenging workload by, among other things, prioritizing tasks and handling several tasks and deadlines simultaneously.
- Ability to efficiently complete research (including through use of online resources), and to efficiently produce work product that is legally and factually accurate, persuasive, and written with proper tone.
- Ability to efficiently review and organize voluminous paper and electronically stored documents, including through use of litigation software.
- Ability to effectively use video-conferencing and other work-related technology.
- Ability to exercise good judgment and to work collaboratively, professionally, and ethically with co-workers, other colleagues, supervisors, managers, administrative staff, clients, opposing counsel, court staff, public officials, and representatives of public agencies.

- Ability to effectively use ProLaw to manage case files and ensure prompt and accurate billing to clients, and to effectively use Workday.

**I have read and understand the essential functions and typical physical demands required of this job (please check one of the boxes below regarding a Reasonable Accommodation):**

☐ I am able to complete the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job without a need for a reasonable accommodation.

☐ I am able to complete the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, but will require a reasonable accommodation. I will discuss my reasonable accommodation request with my supervisor.

☐ I am unable to perform one or more of the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, even with a reasonable accommodation.

☐ I am not sure that I will be able to perform one or more of the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, and will discuss the functional limitations I have with my supervisor.

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**DUTY STATEMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL LAW DIVISION**  
**GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION**  
**FIREARMS TEAM**

**JOB TITLE:** Deputy Attorney General III

**GENERAL STATEMENT:**

The Government Law Section provides legal advice and representation to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Department of Finance, and other state agencies and departments on a wide range of legal issues, including, but not limited to: constitutional and statutory law, government operations, elections, the state budget, public finance, state mandates, criminal information, procurement, firearms, and financial conflicts of interest and ethics. Representation includes appearances in state and federal courts throughout the State at both the trial and appellate levels. Attorneys in the Government Law Section also prepare titles and summaries for ballot measures and analyze proposed state legislation. The Firearms Team within the Government Law Section has special responsibility for advising the Bureau of Firearms, as well as the Attorney General and Executive staff, on firearms-related legal issues and assisting with related litigation.

Deputy Attorneys General III are experienced attorneys with the ability to capably handle the routine legal work of the section, as well as the difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal work of the section, and to produce favorable results. They ably manage a challenging workload and produce high-quality work product, sometimes under tight deadlines. They are also effective oral advocates. Deputy Attorneys General III gradually exercise more independent judgment in representing the section's clients on increasingly difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal matters, and may be assigned litigation of similar difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence, including cases that may be appealed to the highest courts.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Deputy Attorneys General III work under the supervision of a Supervising Deputy Attorney General and the Senior Assistant Attorney General. In a particular matter, the Supervising Deputy Attorney General or Senior Assistant Attorney General may designate another supervisor/manager to oversee the work of the deputy.

**OVERSIGHT EXERCISED:** Deputy Attorneys General III may direct, monitor, and oversee the work of paralegals, and may act as a lead person over the work of other attorneys.

**TYPICAL PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

- May be required to sit for long hours on a daily basis, often while using a computer to do research, draft documents, and perform other duties.
- Be able to travel out-of-town for work-related purposes (including overnight travel), sometimes for extended periods of time and sometimes to remote areas.
- Be able to lift/move up to 25 pounds of books, legal files, exhibits, and/or equipment.

## **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- May be required to work over eight hours a day and on weekends/holidays, including during trials and administrative hearings or as otherwise required by operational needs.
- While working in the office, deputies work in an enclosed interior or exterior window office in a smoke-free environment.
- While teleworking, deputies work in compliance with the office's Telework Program Policy and Procedural Guide, the Exceptional Telework Request Procedures, the Legal Division Teleworking Expectations memorandum, and their section policies.

## **DUTIES (Essential Functions)**

- 40% Effectively handles legal assignments of increasing difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence for the Bureau of Firearms, while meeting all deadlines; researches and analyzes firearms-related statutes, regulations, ordinances and court decisions; provides advice to all levels of management within the Department of Justice on firearms-related legal issues; consults with law enforcement, other public agencies, the firearms industry (dealers and manufacturers), and the public on firearms-related legal issues; drafts and analyzes legislative measures and regulations; manages and occasionally directly handles firearms-related litigation on behalf of the Attorney General's Office.
- 20% Effectively advises on trial and appellate litigation of increasing difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence; may directly handle such litigation, while meeting all deadlines; in trial litigation: investigates facts and analyzes evidence; develops litigation plans, trial themes, and trial strategies; efficiently prepares and responds to pleadings, petitions, motions, writs, briefs, memoranda, written discovery requests (including e-discovery), evidentiary objections, settlement offers, other legal documents, and correspondence (including emails); retains consultants; retains and prepares expert witnesses for trial; takes and defends depositions; prepares witnesses for trial; prepares for mediation or other resolution; prepares for trial including, as necessary, by participating in mock trials or moot courts; examines and cross-examines witnesses; prepares jury instructions and verdict forms; in appellate litigation: efficiently prepares and responds to petitions, motions, writs, briefs, memoranda, other legal documents, and correspondence (including emails); participates in moot courts to prepare for oral argument and serves as moot court judge for other attorneys.
- 10% Provides research, analysis, and sound advice on increasingly difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal matters to clients, supervisors, managers, public officials, and representatives of public agencies; handles special legal assignments, projects, and other tasks, such as responding to Public Records Act requests. Drafts titles and summaries for proposed initiative measures and referenda; drafts analysis of proposed initiative measures, referenda, legislation, and regulations; conducts related legal and other research.
- 10% Provides effective advocacy in increasingly difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential trials, hearings, administrative proceedings, oral arguments, and other matters.

- 10% Strategizes with supervisors, other deputies, and clients on case issues; coordinates with the Office of the Solicitor General as necessary; follows the Department of Justice policies, procedures, and guidelines in the handling of cases; efficiently researches and analyzes the legal issues at hand; efficiently produces high-quality work product, sometimes under tight deadlines, that is legally and factually accurate, persuasive, and written with proper tone; timely submits work product for review by supervisors and clients; keeps supervisors and clients apprised of case developments; timely responds to client inquiries; advises clients on the estimated costs of litigation, the policy implications of litigation, and the risks and benefits of settlement; engages in mediation and settlement negotiations as appropriate.
- 10% Performs various administrative functions including: timely calendars deadlines, case events, travel, and leave; timely enters case information (including documents) in ProLaw and ensures that case information, milestones, and deadlines are kept up to date; timely requests approval to take leave; enters time in ProLaw promptly, accurately, and completely, and timely records leave in Workday completes mandatory training and takes advantage of professional training opportunities; provides mentoring and training to deputies, paralegals, and interns; participates in the hiring of deputies and paralegals as requested; attends section meetings and assists with the meetings as requested; timely files necessary paperwork to obtain approval to, e.g., hire expert witnesses, travel out of state, and take certain actions (e.g., file an amicus brief); effectively uses video-conferencing and other work-related technology.

### **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

- Knowledge of the areas of law handled by the section.
- Knowledge of: (a) the laws, rules, and guidelines governing professional conduct and conflicts of interest, including professional and financial conflicts of interest and conflicts between clients, (b) duties and powers of the California Attorney General, (c) principles of administrative and constitutional law, (d) rules of evidence and civil procedure, (e) rules of court, (f) rules governing the conduct of proceedings before administrative bodies, and (g) the Department of Justice policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Ability to handle all aspects of trial court litigation, administrative proceedings, and appellate litigation, and to effectively advocate the client's position in court and before administrative bodies.
- Ability to efficiently manage a challenging workload by, among other things, prioritizing tasks and handling several tasks and deadlines simultaneously.
- Ability to efficiently complete research (including through use of online resources), and to efficiently produce work product that is legally and factually accurate, persuasive, and written with proper tone.
- Ability to efficiently review and organize voluminous paper and electronically stored documents, including through use of litigation software.
- Ability to effectively use video-conferencing and other work-related technology.
- Ability to exercise good judgment and to work collaboratively, professionally, and ethically with co-workers, other colleagues, supervisors, managers, administrative staff,

clients, opposing counsel, court staff, public officials, and representatives of public agencies.

- Ability to effectively use ProLaw to manage case files and ensure prompt and accurate billing to clients, and to effectively use Workday.

**I have read and understand the essential functions and typical physical demands required of this job (please check one of the boxes below regarding a Reasonable Accommodation):**

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☐ I am unable to perform one or more of the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, even with a reasonable accommodation.

☐ I am not sure that I will be able to perform one or more of the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, and will discuss the functional limitations I have with my supervisor.

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**DUTY STATEMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL LAW DIVISION  
GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION  
FIREARMS TEAM**

**JOB TITLE:** Deputy Attorney General IV

**GENERAL STATEMENT:**

The Government Law Section provides legal advice and representation to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Department of Finance, and other state agencies and departments on a wide range of legal issues, including, but not limited to: constitutional and statutory law, government operations, elections, the state budget, public finance, state mandates, criminal information, procurement, firearms, and financial conflicts of interest and ethics. Representation includes appearances in state and federal courts throughout the State at both the trial and appellate levels. Attorneys in the Government Law Section also prepare titles and summaries for ballot measures and analyze proposed state legislation. The Firearms Team within the Government Law Section has special responsibility for advising the Bureau of Firearms, as well as the Attorney General and Executive staff, on firearms-related legal issues and assisting with related litigation.

Deputy Attorneys General IV are well-experienced attorneys with the ability to independently handle the routine legal work of the section, as well as the more difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal work of the section, and to produce favorable results. They successfully manage a challenging workload and produce high-quality work product, sometimes under tight deadlines. They are also capable oral advocates. Deputy Attorneys General IV exercise independent judgment in representing the section's clients on increasingly difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal matters, and may be assigned litigation of similar difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence, including cases that are likely to be appealed to the highest courts.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Deputy Attorneys General IV work under the supervision of a Deputy Attorney General Supervisor and the Senior Assistant Attorney General. In a particular matter, the Deputy Attorney General Supervisor or Senior Assistant Attorney General may designate another supervisor/manager to oversee the work of the deputy.

**OVERSIGHT EXERCISED:** Deputy Attorneys General IV may direct, monitor, and oversee the work of paralegals, and may act as a lead person over the work of other attorneys.

**TYPICAL PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

- May be required to sit for long hours on a daily basis, often while using a computer to do research, draft documents, and perform other duties.
- Be able to travel out-of-town for work-related purposes (including overnight travel), sometimes for extended periods of time and sometimes to remote areas.
- Be able to lift/move up to 25 pounds of books, legal files, exhibits, and/or equipment.

## **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- May be required to work over eight hours a day and on weekends/holidays, including during trials and administrative hearings or as otherwise required by operational needs.
- While working in the office, deputies work in an enclosed interior or exterior window office in a smoke-free environment.
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## **DUTIES (Essential Functions)**

- 65% Effectively handles legal assignments of increasing difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence for the Bureau of Firearms, while meeting all deadlines; researches and analyzes firearms-related statutes, regulations, ordinances and court decisions; provides advice to all levels of management within the Department of Justice on firearms-related legal issues; consults with law enforcement, other public agencies, the firearms industry (dealers and manufacturers), and the public on firearms-related legal issues; drafts and analyzes legislative measures and regulations; manages and occasionally directly handles firearms-related litigation on behalf of the Attorney General's Office.
- 10% Effectively advises on trial and appellate litigation of increasing difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence; may directly handle such litigation, while meeting all deadlines; in trial litigation: investigates facts and analyzes evidence; develops litigation plans, trial themes, and trial strategies; efficiently prepares and responds to pleadings, petitions, motions, writs, briefs, memoranda, written discovery requests (including e-discovery), evidentiary objections, settlement offers, other legal documents, and correspondence (including emails); retains consultants; retains and prepares expert witnesses for trial; takes and defends depositions; prepares witnesses for trial; prepares for mediation or other resolution; prepares for trial including, as necessary, by participating in mock trials or moot courts; examines and cross-examines witnesses; prepares jury instructions and verdict forms; in appellate litigation: efficiently prepares and responds to petitions, motions, writs, briefs, memoranda, other legal documents, and correspondence (including emails); participates in moot courts to prepare for oral argument and serves as moot court judge for other attorneys.
- 10% Strategizes with supervisors, other deputies, and clients on case issues; coordinates with the Office of the Solicitor General as necessary; follows the Department of Justice policies, procedures, and guidelines in the handling of cases; efficiently researches and analyzes the legal issues at hand; efficiently produces high-quality work product, sometimes under tight deadlines, that is legally and factually accurate, persuasive, and written with proper tone; timely submits work product for review by supervisors and clients; keeps supervisors and clients apprised of case developments; timely responds to client inquiries; advises clients on the estimated costs of litigation, the policy implications of litigation, and the risks and benefits of settlement; engages in mediation and settlement negotiations as appropriate.

- 5% Provides research, analysis, and sound advice on increasingly difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal matters to clients, supervisors, managers, public officials, and representatives of public agencies; handles special legal assignments, projects, and other tasks, such as responding to Public Records Act requests. Drafts titles and summaries for proposed initiative measures and referenda; drafts analysis of proposed initiative measures, referenda, legislation, and regulations; conducts related legal and other research.
- 5% Provides capable advocacy in increasingly difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential trials, hearings, administrative proceedings, oral arguments, and other matters.
- 5% Performs various administrative functions including: timely calendars deadlines, case events, travel, and leave; timely enters case information (including documents) in ProLaw and ensures that case information, milestones, and deadlines are kept up to date; timely requests approval to take leave; enters time in ProLaw promptly, accurately, and completely, and timely records leave in Workday; completes mandatory training and takes advantage of professional training opportunities; provides mentoring and training to deputies, paralegals, and interns; participates in the hiring of deputies and paralegals as requested; attends section meetings and assists with the meetings as requested; timely files necessary paperwork to obtain approval to, e.g., hire expert witnesses, travel out of state, and take certain actions (e.g., file an amicus brief); effectively uses video-conferencing and other work-related technology.

### **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

- Knowledge of the areas of law handled by the section.
- Knowledge of: (a) the laws, rules, and guidelines governing professional conduct and conflicts of interest, including professional and financial conflicts of interest and conflicts between clients, (b) duties and powers of the California Attorney General, (c) principles of administrative and constitutional law, (d) rules of evidence and civil procedure, (e) rules of court, (f) rules governing the conduct of proceedings before administrative bodies, and (g) the Department of Justice policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Ability to handle all aspects of trial court litigation, administrative proceedings, and appellate litigation, and to effectively advocate the client's position in court and before administrative bodies.
- Ability to efficiently manage a challenging workload by, among other things, prioritizing tasks and handling several tasks and deadlines simultaneously.
- Ability to efficiently complete research (including through use of online resources), and to efficiently produce work product that is legally and factually accurate, persuasive, and written with proper tone.
- Ability to efficiently review and organize voluminous paper and electronically stored documents, including through use of litigation software.
- Ability to effectively use video-conferencing and other work-related technology.
- Ability to exercise good judgment and to work collaboratively, professionally, and ethically with co-workers, other colleagues, supervisors, managers, administrative staff,

clients, opposing counsel, court staff, public officials, and representatives of public agencies.

- Ability to effectively use ProLaw to manage case files and ensure prompt and accurate billing to clients, and to effectively use Workday.

**I have read and understand the essential functions and typical physical demands required of this job (please check one of the boxes below regarding a Reasonable Accommodation):**

☐ I am able to complete the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job without a need for a reasonable accommodation.

☐ I am able to complete the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, but will require a reasonable accommodation. I will discuss my reasonable accommodation request with my supervisor.

☐ I am unable to perform one or more of the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, even with a reasonable accommodation.

☐ I am not sure that I will be able to perform one or more of the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, and will discuss the functional limitations I have with my supervisor.

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**DUTY STATEMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL LAW DIVISION  
GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION  
FIREARMS TEAM**

**JOB TITLE:** Deputy Attorney General V

**GENERAL STATEMENT:**

The Government Law Section provides legal advice and representation to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Department of Finance, and other state agencies and departments on a wide range of legal issues, including, but not limited to: constitutional and statutory law, government operations, elections, the state budget, public finance, state mandates, criminal information, procurement, firearms, and financial conflicts of interest and ethics. Representation includes appearances in state and federal courts throughout the State at both the trial and appellate levels. Attorneys in the Government Law Section also prepare titles and summaries for ballot measures and analyze proposed state legislation. The Firearms Team within the Government Law Section has special responsibility for advising the Bureau of Firearms, as well as the Attorney General and Executive staff, on firearms-related legal issues and assisting with related litigation.

Deputy Attorneys General V are the top experts and most experienced attorneys in the section who have demonstrated the ability to independently handle the most difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal work of the section, and to consistently produce favorable results. They successfully manage a challenging workload and produce exceptionally high-quality work product, sometimes under tight deadlines. They are also outstanding oral advocates. Deputy Attorneys General V exercise independent judgment in representing the section's clients on exceptionally difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal matters, and are assigned litigation of similar difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence, including cases that are likely to be appealed to the highest courts.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Deputy Attorneys General V work under the supervision of a Supervising Deputy Attorney General and the Senior Assistant Attorney General. In a particular matter, the Supervising Deputy Attorney General or Senior Assistant Attorney General may designate another supervisor/manager to oversee the work of the deputy.

**OVERSIGHT EXERCISED:** Deputy Attorneys General V may direct, monitor, and oversee the work of paralegals, and may act as a lead person over the work of other attorneys.

**TYPICAL PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

- May be required to sit for long hours on a daily basis, often while using a computer to do research, draft documents, and perform other duties.
- Be able to travel out-of-town for work-related purposes (including overnight travel), sometimes for extended periods of time and sometimes to remote areas.
- Be able to lift/move up to 25 pounds of books, legal files, exhibits, and/or equipment.

## **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- May be required to work over eight hours a day and on weekends/holidays, including during trials and administrative hearings or as otherwise required by operational needs.
- While working in the office, deputies work in an enclosed interior or exterior window office in a smoke-free environment.
- While teleworking, deputies work in compliance with the office's Telework Program Policy and Procedural Guide, the Exceptional Telework Request Procedures, the Legal Division Teleworking Expectations memorandum, and their section policies.

## **DUTIES (Essential Functions)**

- 40% Effectively handles legal assignments of exceptional difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence for the Bureau of Firearms, while meeting all deadlines; researches and analyzes firearms-related statutes, regulations, ordinances and court decisions; provides advice to all levels of management within the Department of Justice on firearms-related legal issues; consults with law enforcement, other public agencies, the firearms industry (dealers and manufacturers), and the public on firearms-related legal issues; drafts and analyzes legislative measures and regulations; manages and occasionally directly handles firearms-related litigation on behalf of the Attorney General's Office.
- 20% Effectively advises on trial and appellate litigation of exceptional difficulty, complexity, sensitivity, and consequence; may directly handle such litigation, while meeting all deadlines; in trial litigation: investigates facts and analyzes evidence; develops litigation plans, trial themes, and trial strategies; efficiently prepares and responds to pleadings, petitions, motions, writs, briefs, memoranda, written discovery requests (including e-discovery), evidentiary objections, settlement offers, other legal documents, and correspondence (including emails); retains consultants; retains and prepares expert witnesses for trial; takes and defends depositions; prepares witnesses for trial; prepares for mediation or other resolution; prepares for trial including, as necessary, by participating in mock trials or moot courts; examines and cross-examines witnesses; prepares jury instructions and verdict forms; in appellate litigation: efficiently prepares and responds to petitions, motions, writs, briefs, memoranda, other legal documents, and correspondence (including emails); participates in moot courts to prepare for oral argument and serves as moot court judge for other attorneys.
- 10% Provides research, analysis, and sound advice on exceptionally difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential legal matters to clients, supervisors, managers, public officials, and representatives of public agencies; handles special legal assignments, projects, and other tasks, such as responding to Public Records Act requests. Drafts titles and summaries for proposed initiative measures and referenda; drafts analysis of proposed initiative measures, referenda, legislation, and regulations; conducts related legal and other research.
- 10% Provides outstanding advocacy in the most difficult, complex, sensitive, and consequential trials, hearings, administrative proceedings, oral arguments, and other matters.

- 10% Strategizes with supervisors, other deputies, and clients on case issues; coordinates with the Office of the Solicitor General as necessary; follows the Department of Justice policies, procedures, and guidelines in the handling of cases; efficiently researches and analyzes the legal issues at hand; efficiently produces exceptionally high-quality work product, sometimes under tight deadlines, that is legally and factually accurate, persuasive, and written with proper tone; timely submits work product for review by supervisors and clients; keeps supervisors and clients apprised of case developments; timely responds to client inquiries; advises clients on the estimated costs of litigation, the policy implications of litigation, and the risks and benefits of settlement; engages in mediation and settlement negotiations as appropriate.
- 10% Performs various administrative functions including: timely calendars deadlines, case events, travel, and leave; timely enters case information (including documents) in ProLaw and ensures that case information, milestones, and deadlines are kept up to date; timely requests approval to take leave; enters time in ProLaw promptly, accurately, and completely, and timely records leave in Workday; completes mandatory training and takes advantage of professional training opportunities; provides mentoring and training to deputies, paralegals, and interns; participates in the hiring of deputies and paralegals as requested; attends section meetings and assists with the meetings as requested; timely files necessary paperwork to obtain approval to, e.g., hire expert witnesses, travel out of state, and take certain actions (e.g., file an amicus brief); effectively uses video-conferencing and other work-related technology.

### **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

- Knowledge of the areas of law handled by the section.
- Knowledge of: (a) the laws, rules, and guidelines governing professional conduct and conflicts of interest, including professional and financial conflicts of interest and conflicts between clients, (b) duties and powers of the California Attorney General, (c) principles of administrative and constitutional law, (d) rules of evidence and civil procedure, (e) rules of court, (f) rules governing the conduct of proceedings before administrative bodies, and (g) the Department of Justice policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Ability to handle all aspects of trial court litigation, administrative proceedings, and appellate litigation, and to effectively advocate the client's position in court and before administrative bodies.
- Ability to efficiently manage a challenging workload by, among other things, prioritizing tasks and handling several tasks and deadlines simultaneously.
- Ability to efficiently complete research (including through use of online resources), and to efficiently produce work product that is legally and factually accurate, persuasive, and written with proper tone.
- Ability to efficiently review and organize voluminous paper and electronically stored documents, including through use of litigation software.
- Ability to effectively use video-conferencing and other work-related technology.
- Ability to exercise good judgment and to work collaboratively, professionally, and ethically with co-workers, other colleagues, supervisors, managers, administrative staff,

clients, opposing counsel, court staff, public officials, and representatives of public agencies.

- Ability to effectively use ProLaw to manage case files and ensure prompt and accurate billing to clients, and to effectively use Workday.

**I have read and understand the essential functions and typical physical demands required of this job (please check one of the boxes below regarding a Reasonable Accommodation):**

☐ I am able to complete the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job without a need for a reasonable accommodation.

☐ I am able to complete the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, but will require a reasonable accommodation. I will discuss my reasonable accommodation request with my supervisor.

☐ I am unable to perform one or more of the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, even with a reasonable accommodation.

☐ I am not sure that I will be able to perform one or more of the essential functions and typical physical demands of the job, and will discuss the functional limitations I have with my supervisor.

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Employee's Signature & Date

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Supervisor's Signature & Date

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