FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

JOB OPPORTUNITY BULLETIN

POSITION: FPPC COUNSEL

DIVISION: LEGAL DIVISION

SALARY:

- Range A: $6,979 - $7,259
- Range B: $6,987 - $7,976
- Range C: $7,323 - $9,209
- Range D: $8,852 - $10,572

FINAL FILING DATE: JUNE 29, 2022

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
Under the supervision of the General Counsel and general direction from the Assistant General Counsel, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Counsel performs work independently and performs at a high level of responsibility.

Commission Counsel in the Legal Division work in an area of complex and changing law as part of a collegial team that relies on collaboration and peer review of projects. Legal Division Commission Counsel’s duties include the following:

Legal Advice. Prepare responses to written, phone and email advice requests and Commission opinion requests. These advisory letters and opinions involve various fact patterns, numerous legal issues, and important policy determinations. Written legal advice may be rendered for the Governor and members of his cabinet, other constitutional officers, state legislators, state agency heads, county supervisors, city councilmembers and mayors. The advice involves varied issues including conflicts of interest, Government Code Section 1090 conflicts in contracts, gifts, campaign finance and reporting rules, revolving door restrictions and lobbying rules. Also includes providing oral advice.

Compliance and Education. Prepare website content, guides, fact sheets and other compliance materials. Speaks on panels and gives presentations about the Political Reform Act’s ethics rules to groups and organizations. Review campaign and lobbying forms and filing schedules prepared by FPPC staff.

Regulations. Formulates and drafts complex regulations for presentation to the Commission for adoption.

Legislation. Analyzes legislative proposals that affect the Political Reform Act and prepares fiscal estimates of bills. Drafts proposals to be presented to the Legislature on behalf of the Commission.

Advising Commission. Advise the Commission and Commission staff on the interpretation and analysis of laws, court decisions, rules and regulations affecting the duties, functions and responsibilities of the FPPC.

Litigation. Draft and prepare litigation in which the Commission is involved. The Commission's attorneys may represent the Commission at the trial, appellate and Supreme Court levels. This work involves the preparation and
review of pleadings, briefs and declarations, in addition to personal appearance in courts throughout the State. Attorneys also coordinate with and prepare California Attorney General’s Office attorneys in their representation of the Commission in litigation matters.

**Conflict of Interest Codes.** Reviews conflict of interest codes submitted by state and multi-county agencies and advises the Executive Director and staff regarding the codes.

**Desirable Qualifications**
- Experience applying or interpreting public agency law such as conflict of interest law.
- Experience with applying or interpreting campaign law.
- Litigation experience, experience in writs and constitutional law cases is preferred. The ability to work effectively and collaboratively as part of litigation team
- Strong legal editing, writing and analytical skills

**Special Requirements**
This position may be eligible for telework. The amount of telework is at the discretion of the Department and based on Fair Political Practices Commission’s current telework policy.

**Who May Apply:**
Individuals who have eligibility for appointment to the above class (e.g. transfer, list, reinstatement).

**How to Apply:**
If you wish to be considered for the position, please see the posting and apply at [https://www.calcareers.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlId=311390](https://www.calcareers.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlId=311390) Or forward a State application (STD. 678) and résumé to

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Personnel Office  
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000  
Sacramento, CA  95811

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