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## Legal Assistant

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### SCOPE

The City of Surrey is seeking a Legal Assistant to join a professional and collegial team consisting of solicitors, paralegals and legal assistants to perform a wide array of complex and confidential, legal, and administrative tasks in support of the lawyers within the Legal Services & Risk Management Division.

### EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Exempt - Regular Full-Time

### RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the City Solicitor in the Legal Services & Risk Management Division, the Legal Assistant is responsible for the following:

- Screen and address incoming files, inquiries, and correspondence
- File intake and closing
- Photocopying, preparing binders for Council proceedings and other proceedings, and filing
- Schedule meetings and prepares relevant documentation
- Draft and edit general correspondence, agreements, legal opinions, legal arguments, corporate reports, requests for proposal and other documentation
- Review, gather, and manage documents to be used in proceedings
- Assist with Freedom of Information requests, including redacting documents
- Timekeeping for staff within the Legal Services & Risk Management Division
- Exercise a high level of confidentiality and tact
- Exercise independent judgment when working with precedents
- Corporate and land title searches
- General reception duties
- General office duties as required
- Other duties as assigned, including handling subpoenas, tax sales, bankruptcy proceedings, etc.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of Grade 12 or equivalent, supplemented by a legal administrative assistant certificate or diploma by an accredited program
- Minimum of 3 years experience as a legal assistant, some experience working with both litigators and solicitors would be an asset
- Experience with Freedom of Information Act requests would be an asset
- Experience working in a municipal or government environment would be an asset
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy
- A high level of proficiency with MS Word, Excel, Adobe Acrobat, PowerPoint, and various document management systems
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Exceptional interpersonal skills and ability to both work collaboratively in a team environment and independently
- Organized and meticulous

- Ability to work under pressure in a busy environment to multi-task, prioritize, and organize within strict timelines
- Eagerness to assist with the needs of the office as they arise
- Strong working knowledge of current legal office practices, procedures and filing systems
- Solid knowledge of basic legal concepts, principles and terminology

#### **Additional Info**

- This position requires the completion of a Police Information Check
- Successful applicants must provide proof of qualifications
- Salary - \$72,589 - \$85,399
- This job will be posted until the position is filled