



## **IDENTIFICATION**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	
Justice	Supervising Counsel, Aboriginal, Environmental and Regulatory	
<b>Position Number</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Division/Region</b>
82-3532	Yellowknife	Legal Division

## **PURPOSE OF THE POSITION**

The Supervising Counsel, Aboriginal, Environmental and Regulatory position is responsible for ensuring that the administration of public affairs accords with the law as well as providing legal advice to, and legal services for, the Government. This position also provides supervision and organizational management of Legal Counsel for the Aboriginal, Environmental and Regulatory Team within the Legal Division.

## **SCOPE**

- Reports to the Director, Legal Division
- Supervises Legal Counsel (3-5 staff)
- Responsible for organizing and scheduling the assignment of Legal Counsel for land claim and self-government negotiations, and other types of Aboriginal, Environmental and Regulatory law matters as they arise
- Recognized expert in law
- Provides specialized legal services
- Is assigned the most complex and important legal matters
- Impact of advice and opinions is significant

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Works closely with Ministers and senior public servants
- Evaluates and analyzes the legal impact of major and controversial decisions
- Gives legal opinions on very complex issues
- Conducts unique matters which require originality and constructive effort
- Completes assignments with no supervision
- Works independently with clients



- Recognizes and delineates significant issues
- Negotiates complex and important matters
- Supervises the Aboriginal, Environmental and Regulatory and acts as mentor to junior legal counsel

## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

### **Physical Demands**

No unusual demands.

### **Environmental Conditions**

No unusual conditions.

### **Sensory Demands**

No unusual demands.

### **Mental Demands**

Those experienced in a typical law practice environment. Travel is required to both remote communities and southern jurisdictions for meetings and negotiations.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Law degree and membership in the NWT Bar;
- Full working knowledge of experience in:
  - The laws of Canada and the Northwest Territories with a particular emphasis on Aboriginal, Environmental and Regulatory Law
  - Indigenous and Northern issues in general;
  - Self-Government Agreements and Land Claim Negotiations; and
  - Government Policies and Initiatives
- Ability to commit to actively upholding and consistently practicing personal diversity, inclusion and cultural awareness, as well as safety and sensitivity approaches in the workplace.

### **Typically, the above qualifications would be attained by:**

Many years of experience, particularly in the Northwest Territories, a high level of knowledge and expertise in the law, and the respect of the judiciary, clients, and colleagues. At least 2 years of experience supervising or providing leadership to legal counsel.

Equivalent combinations of education and experience will be considered.



## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **Position Security** (check one)

- No criminal records check required
- Position of Trust – criminal records check required
- Highly sensitive position – requires verification of identity and a criminal records check

### **French language** (check one if applicable)

- French required (must identify required level below)

Level required for this Designated Position is:

ORAL EXPRESSION AND COMPREHENSION

Basic (B)  Intermediate (I)  Advanced (A)

READING COMPREHENSION:

Basic (B)  Intermediate (I)  Advanced (A)

WRITING SKILLS:

Basic (B)  Intermediate (I)  Advanced (A)

- French preferred

### **Indigenous language:** Select language

- Required
- Preferred