

General Counsel

The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) is seeking candidates for General Counsel to provide transformative leadership in shaping the legal and regulatory authorities that promote the Agency's policy and program initiatives.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors is an independent federal agency supervising all US government-supported, non-military international media with a mission to inform, engage and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy. BBG is home to the Voice of America (VOA)--the largest U.S. international media organization, broadcasting in more than 45 different languages and reaching a weekly audience of more than 187 million people, often in areas hostile to unbiased news and information. The BBG also oversees Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB), Radio Free Asia (RFA), and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (MBN).

The General Counsel serves as the Chief Legal Officer to the BBG CEO and Board of Governors, dealing with legal questions extending from complex problems of international law to novel problems relating to security, contracts, personnel and other administrative matters. Assumes a major role in the development of legislative proposals aimed at maximizing the effectiveness of the BBG's worldwide programming. Renders opinions on legal problems and questions arising in connection with the interpretation and administration of law under which the BBG operates. Authors or reviews proposed legislation affecting the Board's relationships with the entities it oversees, including the Federal and BBG-sponsored grantees and reviews the implementing plans and procedures for these entities for legal sufficiency and sustainability.

Ideal applicant will have demonstrated ability to think broadly and strategically, including the ability to translate long-term goals and objectives into short-term tactical plans and operational activities; experience in developing legislative proposals and foreign affairs initiatives; authoring and reviewing Board policies and procedures, and assuring compliance with all pertinent laws and regulations. As applicants will assume a major role in the development of legislative proposals aimed at maximizing the effectiveness of the BBG's worldwide programming, a broad knowledge and familiarity of journalism and mass communications is highly sought. Demonstrable experience building coalitions internally and with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, nonprofit and private sector organizations, or international organizations is highly preferred. The ideal applicant will also be well-versed in Federal employment, labor, grants, and/or contracting law, and have experience litigating in these, or related areas.

This position is in the Senior Executive Service (SES) and salaries for SES positions range from \$123,175 to \$170,400. The Broadcasting Board of Governors is located in Washington, DC and offers an excellent benefits package including health and long-term care insurance programs, and eligibility for generous U.S. government pension benefits supplemented by an employer-matched 401K-like program. United States citizenship and graduation from an ABA accredited law school and current possession of an active bar membership in good standing are required. Special government hiring procedures must be followed. For a copy of the official vacancy announcement that describes the application process, please go to

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/449932500>

for full details of the job listing and application rules. All applications must be received by midnight October 11, 2016.

For questions, please contact Mr. Carl Johns at (202) 382-7500.

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