

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN Corporation Counsel

Oakland County, MI (pop. 1,251,000) County Seat: Pontiac/Waterford. Oakland County is located in southeast Michigan, immediately north of Detroit. With a population of 1.2 million and covering over 900 square miles, Oakland County offers cosmopolitan urban centers, lakefront living, historic town centers, and natural country settings within close proximity of an array of employment opportunities. Providing the diversity of choice vital to attracting and retaining a skilled workforce and high quality of life: 38,000 businesses, 1,100 foreign-owned firms from 39 countries, call Oakland County home. The county blends the State's most robust economy with an unmatched quality of life. This diversity makes Oakland County unique and competitive. Oakland County's annual gross domestic product (GDP) is \$100 billion, which represents 23% of the state of Michigan's total GDP.

The County is governed by an elected County Executive, David Coulter, and a 21-member Board of Commissioners who are elected by district for a two-year term of office. Corporation Counsel is an appointed position, serves at the pleasure of the County Executive and reports to a Deputy County Executive. Corporation Counsel is responsible for representing the County, the County Executive, the Board of Commissioners, the Countywide Elected Officials, the Department Heads and Agencies of the County in all legal matters affecting the County. The position is responsible for professional legal work of the in-house legal team of 31 employees and outside legal counsel as necessary.

Corporation Counsel will serve as a key member of the County Executive's leadership team. Corporation Counsel will provide proactive legal and policy counsel to the County Executive and other leaders in the County. It is vital for the individual in this position to be confident, a problem solver and a consensus builder committed to the tenets of transparency, collaboration, and inclusive excellence.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ability to lead and direct a professional legal team.
- Ability to think strategically, anticipate issues and make comprehensive recommendations regarding legal and policy matters before the County.
- Ability and commitment to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives within the office of Corporation Counsel and as an overarching county government priority.
- Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing and make presentation in a public forum.
- A customer service orientation, with the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships and use good judgment, initiative and resourcefulness when dealing with employees, professional contacts, elected officials, and the public in a variety of cooperative and contentious situations.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Juris doctorate degree.
- At least ten (10) years of successful experience as a practicing attorney and be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan. If coming from another State, be a member in good standing of that State Bar and become a member of the State Bar of Michigan within the minimum time necessary (out-of-state attorneys are encouraged to review Michigan Bar reciprocity rules). The County, at its discretion, may consider an alternative level of work experience.
- Experience in government law, including contracts, administrative, civil and criminal, is preferred.
- Skill in compiling and evaluating complex information and formulating effective legal recommendations.
- Attend meetings scheduled at times other than normal business hours.

Salary range is \$136,300 to \$182,626 DOQE.

Apply online at www.GovHRjobs.com with resume, cover letter, contact information and three (3) professional references. Oakland County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity, equity and inclusion and seeks candidates who represent a variety of backgrounds and perspectives. Questions regarding the position may be directed to the attention of Jaymes Vettraino, Vice President, GovHR USA, Tel: 847-380-3240

Candidates will be reviewed upon receipt of application, with preliminary reviews to be completed by April 22, 2021.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)