



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

CROWN COUNSEL

£50,000 pa plus benefits

About the role

We're looking for a Solicitor or Barrister to take a full and active role in ensuring the good governance of Ascension Island. As legal adviser to a territorial government, this role requires a solid grounding in public law. However, this is a broad and generalist legal role and therefore experience across all areas of the job description is desirable.

What you'll do

You'll provide a full range of legal services to the Ascension Island Government (AIG) and demonstrate active participation in the Government's Senior Management Team. Through the provision of strategic legal advice, you'll support the Government's departments to achieve their objectives, and contribute to the good governance of the island by taking a proactive approach to the identification, mitigation and management of legal risks.

You'll be responsible for managing any litigation brought against or by the Government, including civil and employment litigation, as well as acting as the prosecuting authority in respect of criminal matters. You'll also provide legal support for the Government's legislative agenda, in particular providing legal advice on policy development, liaising with external lawyers on legislative drafting, and supporting post-legislative implementation.

What you'll bring

You're a Solicitor or Barrister with at least five years post-qualification experience, including both litigation and advisory work. A self-starter who is flexible, adaptable and resilient, you'll have experience of managing the competing demands of a busy practice, the ability to prioritise and work with minimal supervision, taking a lead on key legal issues with confidence.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £50,000 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts accompanied status contracts and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with Accompanied status electricity and water allowances or Single status if unaccompanied)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £6,700 per annum (or Single status of £3,350)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

What's it like to work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here in this high profile role, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community.

Closing date: 4pm, Thursday 4 November 2021

Interviews: Early November by Skype

Required start date: December 2021 / January 2022

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any queries about the role, email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac