Position: Associate Legal Officer (Basic Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court or Constitutional Court)

Employment Regime: Seconded/Contracted

Post Category: Management Level ML-3

Ref. number: 054

Location: The Hague, the Netherlands

Availability: ASAP

Component/Department/Unit: Kosovo Specialist Chambers/Chambers Legal Support Unit

Security Clearance Level: EU SECRET or equivalent

Open to Contributing Third States: Yes

Reporting Line:

The position of Associate Legal Officer is located in the Registry’s Chambers Legal Support Unit, to be deployed as needed to the Judges’ Chambers. When deployed, the Associate Legal Officer reports to the Senior Legal Officer of the relevant Chamber.

Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To provide specialised legal and judicial administrative support to Judges through the Senior Legal Officer or other supervisor, as applicable;
- To conduct legal research, particularly on international criminal law, international humanitarian and criminal law, international administrative law and where applicable constitutional and human rights law;
- To prepare draft memoranda, decisions and judgments, in cooperation with the Senior Legal Officer or supervisor as applicable assigned to the cases, if any;
- To undertake legal analysis of judgments and evidence, assessing submissions and authorities submitted by parties on appeal;
- To monitor relevant developments in international law;
- To undertake any other related tasks as requested by the Line Managers.

Additional Information:

- Temporary re-assignment to other units of the Specialist Chambers may be applicable due to operational demands/requirements;
- *This post is exceptionally approved within the limits of the current budget of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office. The continuation of this post into the next budgetary period is subject to final confirmation.

Essential Qualifications and Experience:

- Successful completion of University studies of at least three (3) years attested by a diploma OR a qualification in the National Qualifications Framework which is equivalent to level 6 in the European Qualifications Framework OR a qualification of the first cycle under the framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area e.g. Bachelor's degree.

AND

- A minimum of four (4) years of relevant professional experience, after having fulfilled the education requirements.

Specification of Education and Experience

- The above mentioned University degree must be in at least one of the following fields of expertise: Law with a specialisation in international, criminal or humanitarian law, human rights and constitutional law as applicable or other related university studies;
• A minimum of two (2) years of progressively responsible legal experience, at either the national or international level;
• Extensive knowledge and practical experience of international criminal law or humanitarian law;
• Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (verbal, written and presentational);
• Excellent drafting and reporting skills;
• Ability to work productively in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment and produce accurate work under pressure and in difficult circumstances;
• Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with people of different national and/or cultural backgrounds with respect for diversity;
• Demonstrated gender awareness and sensitivity, ability to promote an inclusive working environment and integrate a gender perspective into tasks and responsibilities.

Desirable
• Progressively responsible legal experience with emphasis on criminal law or international criminal law;
• Knowledge of the functioning of the EU and in particular CSDP Missions;
• Good understanding of the political, cultural and security situation of the Balkans, in particular Kosovo.