

Position: Legal Officer (Immediate Office of the Specialist Prosecutor)	Employment Regime: Seconded/Contracted	Post Category: Management Level ML-1
Ref. number: 555	Location: The Hague, the Netherlands	Availability: ASAP
Component/Department/Unit: Specialist Prosecutor's Office/Immediate Office of the Specialist Prosecutor	Security Clearance Level: EU SECRET or equivalent	Open to Contributing Third States: Yes

Reporting Line:

The Legal Officer (Immediate Office of the Specialist Prosecutor) reports to the Deputy Specialist Prosecutor through the Legal Officer Team Leader.

Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To deputise for and carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Legal Officer Team Leader in his/her absence, including but not limited to planning, organizing and managing the work of the team;
- To assist the Legal Officer Team Leader with a variety of special assignments;
- To advise and support in managing and overseeing the work of the staff in the team;
- To assist the Specialist Prosecutor's Office (SPO) in pre-trial, trial or appellate proceedings under the day to day supervision of the Legal Officer Team Leader, primarily in the preparation of written legal submissions, including, as appropriate, indictment, briefs, motions/responses/replies, and communications with other parties in the proceedings in the course of investigations and prosecutions;
- To conduct legal research using multiple research sources and provide advice on the applicable law, international human rights principles and humanitarian law concerning cases of serious crimes;
- To assist the SPO Prosecutors in fulfilling pre-trial and trial obligations towards the other parties in the proceedings including first or second level pre-disclosure review of evidence;
- To assist the SPO Prosecutors as a legal officer/investigator under the supervision of a Prosecutor in pre-trial, trial or appellate proceedings;
- To conduct witness interviews and proof witnesses prior to trial;
- To coordinate, with the Chambers and Registry Court Management officials, as required;
- To undertake any other relevant task as requested by the Line Managers.

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 ten (10) years of relevant professional experience, after having fulfilled the education requirements.

Specification of Education and Experience

- The above mentioned University degree must be in Law, or otherwise qualified to practice law in a domestic jurisdiction;
- A minimum of ten (10) years of professional experience in criminal law either as a lawyer, prosecutor or judge, legal officer/jurist at a prosecution office or court, defense attorney, injured party legal representative or legal officer at an international tribunal or hybrid international court;
- Experience in coordinating and reviewing draft legal documents and legal filings, and in coaching, mentoring and otherwise developing legal drafting skills;

- Extensive experience in drafting court submissions in international criminal cases and excellent legal drafting skills;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills in English, both written and oral;
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to work with a minimum supervision;
- Ability to work productively in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment and produce accurate work under pressure;
- Ability to maintain effective, constructive 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

- Experience in the investigation and prosecution/defense of war crimes or organized crime in national jurisdictions, hybrid national/international courts and international tribunals;
- Knowledge of the functioning of the EU and in particular CSDP Missions.