

Position: Associate Legal Officer	Employment Regime: Seconded/Contracted	Post Category: Management Level ML-3
Ref. number: ST530	Location: The Hague, the Netherlands	Availability: ASAP
Component/Department/Unit: Specialist Prosecutor's Office/Division of Prosecution and Investigation/ Trial Team Unit (Trial Teams)	Security Clearance Level: EU SECRET or equivalent	Open to Contributing Third States: Yes

NOTE: This is a short-term position with a maximum possible appointment duration of one (1) year minus (one) day, to meet the short-term needs, with **NO possibility of extension of the appointment duration.**

Reporting Line:

The Associate Legal Officer reports to the Head of Investigations (Prosecutions) through the Prosecutor.

Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To assist in the investigation and prosecution of cases within the mandate of the SPO;
- Under the supervision of Prosecutors, to participate in suspect and witness interviews and preparation of witnesses for trial;
- To participate in field activities, and when required attend crimes scenes and exhumation sites;
- To prepare or assist in the preparation of legal submissions (including indictments, briefs, motions/responses/replies, correspondence, memoranda etc.) in the course of investigations and prosecutions;
- To assist the Prosecutors in fulfilling pre-trial and trial obligations towards the defence;
- To handle a range of issues related to criminal (substantive, procedural and comparative) law regarding investigations and/or prosecutions in consultation with Prosecutors;
- To assist Prosecutors, Analysts and Investigators with pre-trial analysis, legal assessment, witness interviews, and organisation of evidence compiled by investigators and analysts, including the use of sophisticated software automation tools developed for complex litigation;
- To support the Trial Attorney and to assist prosecutors in any resulting prosecutions, if and where required, including during appearances in court, examination and cross-examination of witnesses and presentation of oral arguments in proceedings as appropriate;
- To prepare official reports and Prosecution Investigation Files;
- To undertake legal research and analysis;
- To undertake any other related tasks 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 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 Law or any other qualifying degree or legal qualification;
- Experience in dealing with complex investigations or prosecutions with a transnational character related to war crimes, organised crime, financial crimes, or trafficking in human beings;

- Professional understanding and experience in research and analytical tools/applications and specialised court management software;
- 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 and 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/defence of war crimes or organized crime in national jurisdictions, hybrid national/international courts and international tribunals;
- International experience, particularly in crisis areas with multi-national and international organisations;
- Knowledge of the functioning of international criminal courts and tribunals and the EU and in particular CSDP Missions.