

# Attorney Advisor GS-15 - Civil Rights Division

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
The Office of the General Counsel (OGC)

Job Location: Washington, DC (Flexible Telework Available)  
Full Time/Days

## JOB SUMMARY:

The attorney will primarily provide legal advice and services to OCR on issues related to the enforcement and administration of the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules. HIPAA attorneys frequently provide counsel on challenging and novel legal questions in both the enforcement and policy space and serve as a principal player in the development of departmental policies, legislative and regulatory proposals, and special OCR initiatives to ensure the protection of health information. The attorney will be responsible for supporting OCR's enforcement of potential HIPAA violations by covered entities and business associates, including reviewing OCR documentation, and working with regional civil rights offices involved in HIPAA investigations, settlement negotiations, defending challenges to agency actions before administrative law judges, as well as assisting the Department of Justice with cases brought in federal court. The attorney also will provide legal advice on the implementation of groundbreaking policy development and administrative rulemaking activities; on executive branch and legislative program initiatives affecting health privacy and cybersecurity; and on guidance documents related to the HIPAA Rules, including the application of HIPAA to emerging technologies. CRD HIPAA attorneys also advise on HITECH and the PSQIA as well as serve as intra-Departmental and interagency advisors on matters related to health information privacy and security.

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Candidates must also have exemplary legal writing, oral advocacy abilities, possess excellent interpersonal skills, and displays a capacity to work with diverse individuals and groups.
- Must maintain active bar membership in good standing and the eligibility to practice law in the highest court of a state, territory, Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia throughout employment in the Office of the General Counsel.
- Applicants at the GS-15 level must have at least four years of professional legal experience.
- Applicants at the GS-15 level must also have a demonstrated ability to work independently with minimum levels of supervision.

## EDUCATION/LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS:

- You must possess a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from an accredited ABA law school.
- Proof that bar status is active, in good standing and eligible to practice in the highest court of a State, U.S. commonwealth, U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia.
- Upon final job offer from HHS OHR, the successful candidate must submit official law school transcripts.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- We are seeking to fill the position at the GS-15.
- The position will be located in Washington, D.C., and reimbursement for relocation expenses is not available.
- **Security Requirements:** Initial appointment is conditioned upon a satisfactory pre-employment adjudication. This includes fingerprint, credit and tax checks, and drug testing. In addition, continued employment is subject to a favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO APPLY:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/ogc/careers/open-opportunities/index.html#attorney-advisor-gs-15-civil-rights-division-washington-dc> (Click in area below the title to view entire job posting)