

# Attorney Advisor - GS-15

## U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Civil Rights Division - Office of the General Counsel

Job Location: Washington, DC; Denver, CO; Philadelphia, PA; Kansas City, MO or Atlanta, GA  
Full Time/Days

### JOB SUMMARY:

HHS OGC is seeking an attorney to join the Health Data Branch of its Civil Rights Division (CRD).

The Health Data Branch provides legal advice and services to HHS' Office for Civil Rights in relation to its enforcement and administration of the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules, Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act), the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act (PSQIA), and regulations at 42 C.F.R. Part 2 governing the confidentiality of substance use disorder records.

The Health Data Branch will also provide legal advice and services to the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ASTP/ONC) on its authorities under Title XXX of the Public Health Service Act and implementing regulations at 45 CFR Parts 170–172, relating to health information technology (Health IT), information blocking, and the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA).

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in the fields of health information privacy, security, or technology.
- Administrative law and/or federal court litigation experience **preferred**.

### QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- Your resume and supporting documentation will be used to determine whether you meet the position qualifications listed on this announcement. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience.
- At the GS-15: You must possess a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) or LL.B from an accredited ABA law school, active bar status in good standing, and four years of professional legal experience post bar admission equivalent to the GS-14 with one year of experience equivalent to the GS-14.
- The following are **required** qualifications:
  - Conditions of Employment:
    - You must possess a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from an accredited ABA law school.
    - Have at least four years of experience after law school as a practicing attorney.
    - 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.
    - Candidates must also have exemplary legal research, writing, advocacy abilities, and possess excellent interpersonal skills.
    - 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.
    - Upon final job offer from HHS OHR, the successful candidate must submit official law school transcripts.

- Security and Background Requirements: If not previously completed, a background security investigation will be required for all appointees. Appointment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements may be grounds for appropriate personnel action. In addition, if hired, a background security reinvestigation or supplemental investigation may be required at a later time. Applicants are also advised that all information concerning qualifications is subject to investigation. False representation may be grounds for non-consideration, non-selection and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The position will be located in Washington, DC; Philadelphia, PA; Atlanta, GA; Kansas City, MO; or Denver, CO, and reimbursement for relocation expenses is not available.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO APPLY:**

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/ogc/careers/open-opportunities/attorney-advisor-gs-15-civil-rights-division/index.html>