



## RHODE ISLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL 2025 ATTORNEY HONORS PROGRAM

Application Deadline: October 1, 2024

The Attorney General's Office is committed to protecting and serving the people and interests of Rhode Island through a broad range of duties. To advance its wide-ranging mission and recruit exceptional new attorneys to its team, the Office has established an Honors Program for recent law school graduates and newly admitted lawyers who are committed to a career in public service. Each year, talented new attorneys will be selected for a one-year, full-time fellowship at our Providence offices, where they will gain valuable experience while serving the people of Rhode Island as vital members of our team. Upon completion of the program, the participating attorneys may have an opportunity to seek continued employment with the Office.

Attorneys will be selected for the Honors Program based on their commitment to public service, academic and intellectual ability, leadership qualities and experience, and relevant legal or policy experience. Honors Program attorneys will serve in the Office's Criminal Division and Civil Division:

- **Criminal Division:** Nearly every prosecutor in the Office begins their service to the State by immediately heading to the courtroom—where they are given the opportunity to handle their own caseloads and hone their skills as a prosecutor. As they gain experience, and through rigorous and continuous training, professional development, and mentorship, they earn the opportunity to move up the prosecutorial ranks to handle more serious and complex cases. Similarly, Honors Program attorneys selected for the Criminal Division will gain incomparable courtroom experience working alongside the Office's newest prosecutors by prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases in Rhode Island District Court, the Rhode Island Family Court, and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. During their fellowship, they will also have the opportunity to support the Criminal Appellate Chief and the Criminal Division Chief with complex legal matters and special projects.
- **Civil Division:** The Civil Division defends the State through its Government Litigation Bureau and brings litigation and other initiatives through the Public Protection Bureau. In the Government Litigation Bureau, the Civil Division leads litigation on behalf of the state, counsels the Attorney General and other government officials, and performs a range of regulatory duties. The Public Protection Bureau, recently created within the Civil Division, is comprised of four units –Healthcare, Consumer and Economic Justice, Environmental and Energy and Civil & Community Rights. Other opportunities in the Civil Division include working with the Solicitor General who handles high-profile appellate litigation for the State and defends the constitutionality of Rhode Island laws. Honors Program attorneys selected for the Civil Division will have an opportunity to contribute to a wide range of matters and opportunities across the Division's bureaus and units—based both on the needs of the Division and the interests of the selected attorney.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

The Attorney General's Office seeks applications for its Honors Program from:

- Third-year law students scheduled to graduate in 2025 (or fourth-year evening law students scheduled to graduate in 2025);
- Newly admitted lawyers in their first year of practice;
- Judicial clerks who will complete their clerkships by September 2025; and
- Individuals participating in government, academic, or public interest fellowships who will complete their fellowships by September 2025.

The 2025 Attorney Honors Program begins in September 2025.

All selected Honors Program attorneys must commit to a one-year term and must take the Rhode Island bar exam no later than July 2025.



## APPLYING TO THE HONORS PROGRAM:

To apply for the Program, complete the application form available on [the Attorney General's Office website](#).

Applications must also submit the following materials:

- Cover letter (indicating preferred placement, if any)
- Resume
- Writing sample
- Law school transcript

All application materials should be submitted as PDF files via email to: [honorsprogram@riag.ri.gov](mailto:honorsprogram@riag.ri.gov)

Completed applications must be submitted no later than October 1, 2024. Applicants may direct questions about applying to [honorsprogram@riag.ri.gov](mailto:honorsprogram@riag.ri.gov).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The salary for Honors Program positions is \$70,644 per year. Attorneys participating in the Honors Program may have the opportunity to seek continued employment with the Attorney General's Office.

## RHODE ISLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

The Attorney General is the state's top lawyer and law enforcement official, protecting and serving the people and interests of Rhode Island through a broad range of duties. Every day, the Office's attorneys fight to ensure the public safety of the state's communities, improve the economic security of its residents, safeguard the state's spectacular natural resources, and restore the public's trust in government. Assistant and Special Assistant Attorneys General represent the people of Rhode Island in civil and criminal matters before trial courts, appellate courts, and the supreme courts of Rhode Island and the United States. Through affirmative litigation, attorneys in the Office protect the public by bringing lawsuits against individuals and companies that break the law in ways that harm individuals and their communities. In criminal matters, the Office's attorneys prosecute complex and violent crimes but also functionally serve as one of the nation's largest district attorney's offices, prosecuting all felonies throughout the state.

The Rhode Island Attorney General's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As with permanent positions, the Office is committed to a policy against discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or employment status. United States citizenship is not required for Honors Program participation, but all applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States and will be required to submit proof of eligibility.