

The Competition Commission (the Commission) is an independent statutory body established under the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619) (the Ordinance) which was enacted in June 2012. The objective of the Ordinance is to prohibit conduct that prevents, restricts or distorts competition in Hong Kong.

The Competition Commission is seeking interested and qualified applicants to join its professional teams for the following position:

Deputy Senior Legal Counsel (Ref: CC/DSLCPM20220708)

This is a key post within the Legal Division of the Competition Commission reporting to senior staff in that Division. The successful applicant will be at the forefront of applying the Ordinance and shaping competition law within Hong Kong. In particular, the successful applicant is expected to assist with:

Responsibilities

- providing legal advice on complex issues of competition law, public law and other matters;
- working as a legal advisor to the Commission's investigation team, assisting them to conduct in-depth investigations and take enforcement action in respect of possible contraventions of the Competition Ordinance;
- other advisory work (such as handling applications from businesses confirming the applicability of exclusions and exemptions under the Competition Ordinance);
- supporting the professional development and expertise in matters of competition law within the Legal Division and across the Commission;
- representing the Commission in public functions such as advocacy; and
- educational initiatives and such other assignments related to Commission legal matters as may arise.

Requirements

- A qualified barrister/solicitor/lawyer with at least 6 years of post-qualification legal experience, currently admitted to practice in a common law or EU jurisdiction;
- Substantial experience in competition law;
- Experience in public and administrative law or litigation will be advantageous, but not necessary;
- Fluent spoken and written English. Proficiency in spoken and written Chinese (Cantonese) will be advantageous but is not necessary;
- Strong presentation and analytical skills;

- Experience of supervising and developing others is preferred; and
- Good project management skills, with a track-record of working successfully as part of a multi-disciplinary team. to work independently and meet tight deadlines.

Candidates with less experience may instead be considered for the post of “Of Counsel” and a salary commensurate with that position.

Terms of Appointment and Remuneration Package

Terms of Appointment: Appointment will be offered on a 2-year fixed-term contract basis, renewable depending on performance and operational needs.

Basic Salary: The starting salary for this post is HK\$91,385 per month. The basic salary offered will commensurate with the candidate’s qualifications and experience.

Cash Allowance: 10% of the basic salary

Contract-end Gratuity: 15% of the basic salary (including 5% employer’s contribution of MPF)

Fringe Benefits: Annual leave, medical & dental benefits, life insurance and MPF. Relocation allowance will be offered to overseas appointee.

Application

Interested applicants should submit their applications at the Commission's Job Application System at https://www.compcomm.hk/en/about/career/current_vacancies.html.

The closing date for application is **29 July 2022**.

Where a large number of candidates meet the specified entry requirements, the recruiting section may devise shortlisting criteria to select the better qualified candidates for further processing. In these circumstances, only shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend interview and/or recruitment test. Candidates who are selected for interview will normally receive an invitation in about six to eight weeks from the closing date.

All applications will be handled in strict confidence. Personal data collected from applicants will only be used for recruitment related purposes and will not be transferred to any third party. Personal data of unsuccessful applicants will be destroyed within 12 months of the recruitment process being completed by the appointment of a candidate for the relevant position.

Pursuant to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, a person who provides personal data to the Commission has the right to request access to and correction of their personal data held by the Commission. Requests for access to or correction of personal data should be made in accordance with the Commission’s Privacy Policy available on the Commission’s website at www.compcomm.hk. The Commission is an equal opportunity employer.