



The Competition Commission (Commission) is an independent statutory body tasked with enforcing competition law in Hong Kong.

The Commission is committed to promoting a competitive environment in Hong Kong that is conducive to free flow of trade, efficiency, and innovation that brings more choices and better quality and prices of goods and services to consumers.

The Commission was established under the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619) (Ordinance), which was enacted in June 2012. Since the full commencement of the Ordinance, the Commission has been active in investigating anti-competitive conduct, initiating seven sets of proceedings before the Competition Tribunal (Tribunal) in respect of alleged contraventions of the Ordinance to date and publishing enforcement outcomes (such as infringement notices or commitments) in several other cases. The Commission has also conducted multiple public education and publicity programmes to promote understanding of the importance of competition and encourage compliance with competition law by businesses in Hong Kong. The Commission has handled significant applications relating to exclusions and exemptions from the Ordinance in the liner shipping, retail banking and pharmaceutical sectors.

The Commission is a rewarding and stimulating place to work and is devoted to furthering the interests of competition and consumers in Hong Kong.

The Commission is now offering an exciting opportunity for a skilled and enthusiastic lawyer to join its busy legal team.

### **Of Counsel (Ref: CC/OC20210419)**

The Of Counsel will work in the Legal Division of the Competition Commission reporting to senior staff in that Division. In particular, the Of Counsel is expected to assist with:

#### **Responsibilities**

- handling the Commission's litigation before the Competition Tribunal (including any ensuing appeals);
- 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);
- 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 5 years of post-qualification legal experience, currently admitted to practice in a common law or EU jurisdiction;
- Solid experience in either competition law and/or litigation;
- Experience in public and/or administrative law will be advantageous, but not necessary;
- Fluent spoken and written English. Proficiency in spoken and written Chinese (Cantonese) will be advantageous;
- Strong presentation and analytical skills; and
- A good team player, able to work independently and meet tight deadlines.

## Terms of Appointment and Remuneration Package

Terms of Appointment: Appointment will be offered on a 2-year fixed-term contract basis.

Basic Salary: The starting salary for this post is HK\$71,190 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.

## 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](https://www.compcomm.hk/en/about/career/current_vacancies.html).

The closing date for application is **18 May 2021**.

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](http://www.compcomm.hk). The Commission is an equal opportunities employer.