

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 objectives of the Ordinance include the prohibition of conduct that prevents, restricts or distorts competition in Hong Kong.

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

Senior Legal Counsel (Ref: CC/SLCSM20230807)

This is a key role within the Legal Division, reporting directly to the Executive Director (Legal Services). The successful applicant will be responsible for supervising a team of lawyers and to assist in the day-to-day enforcement work of the Commission. This includes rendering legal advice on all matters relating to the Commission's enforcement work (such as in relation to the Commission's investigations and on applications for decisions and block exemptions under the Ordinance) as well as handling any litigation that may be brought before the Competition Tribunal.

Responsibilities

- Provide legal advice on issues of competition law, public law and related matters;
- Handle litigation-related work and liaise with external lawyers on behalf of the Commission;
- Provide legal advice to the Commission's investigation teams, assist them to conduct indepth investigations and take enforcement action in respect of possible contraventions of the Ordinance;
- Provide legal advice and support in relation to non-litigation matters including the handling of applications for decisions and block exemptions under the Ordinance;
- Contribute to the management of the Legal Division;
- Support the professional development and expertise in matters of competition law within the Legal Division and across the Commission;
- Represent the Commission at public functions as part of the Commission's advocacy efforts; and
- Contribute to the Commission's on-going efforts in developing the local legal community's knowledge and expertise in competition law.

Requirements

- A qualified lawyer with at least 7 years of post-qualification legal experience, and currently admitted to practice in a Common Law or EU jurisdiction;
- Experience in civil or criminal litigation;
- Experience in providing advice on competition and public law issues;
- Fluent spoken and written English. Proficiency in spoken and written Chinese (Cantonese);
- Experience in working at a regulatory/law enforcement authority would be an advantage;
- Strong presentation, analytical and problem-solving skills;
- Experience in supervising, managing and developing junior lawyers; and
- Good project management skills, with a track record of working successfully as part of a multi-disciplinary team and in managing budgets.

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\$114,105 per month. The basic

salary will be 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.

The closing date for application is <u>6 September 2023.</u>

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.