



**LEGAL AID COMMISSION**  
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**VACANCIES**

The Fiji Legal Aid Commission is a statutory body established by the Legal Aid Act of 1996 to provide assistance to impoverished persons. In pursuit of *"providing greater access to justice for all Fijians"* and to further strengthen its Litigation Unit, the Legal Aid Commission now invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the vacancies referred to below.

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**V/No: PLO 01/2023    PRINCIPAL LEGAL OFFICER (SUVA, BA, NADI)**

**Position Purpose**

The primary purpose of this position is to provide high quality professional and efficient legal services

**Key Responsibilities**

The appointee shall be responsible for:

- providing high quality, professional and efficient advice and representation;
- attending to highly complex litigation, carry out legal opinion and assess applications for Legal Aid assistance in compliance with policies and guidelines;
- supervising and mentoring junior lawyers including training;
- assist in the development and implementation of strategic policies and procedures;
- participate in the First Hour Procedure as and when required;
- work professionally in collaboration with different organizations, offices and institutions;
- Ensuring that at all times there is compliance with the policies and strategies of the Commission by practicing good governance and professionalism in the conduct of duties in a transparent manner;

**Person Specification**

Be professionally qualified under the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Act of 2009 and admitted to the High Court of Fiji to practice as a Barrister & Solicitor.

Serving officers must have served approximately 3 years as a Senior Legal Officer or equivalent. Non serving applicants must have at least 6 years post admission experience.

### **Knowledge, Experience, Skills and Abilities**

The applicant should possess:

- a thorough knowledge of the Constitution and Laws of Fiji
- a good track record of supervisory and management experience with the ability to successfully lead a team and demonstrated leadership competencies
- extensive experience in family, criminal and civil litigation with a strong academic record
- demonstrated advocacy experience in High Court and Court of Appeal
- consistently good reports and assessed as having the ability to solve complex problems
- ability to undertake critical legal research and produce high quality and accurate legal opinions, submissions and other legal documents
- a professional attitude, awareness of confidentiality requirements of the organization and demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality and neutrality, in a sensitive environment
- ability to handle heavy workloads, compete work accurately and according to strict timelines and demonstrate intellectual capacity, drive, innovation and leadership
- excellent communication and oral presentation skills and an equal command of the English language
- ability to contribute to a high performing team
- is flexible yet demonstrates strong work ethics without compromising his/her position and that of the organization;

- **Salary**

**In making the Legal Aid Commission an “employer of choice”, a lucrative salary package would be offered.**

### **Application Process**

To apply and be eligible for consideration applicants **must** submit the following documents:

1. A cover letter addressing the knowledge, skills, experience and abilities required for the position; no more than four (4) pages.
2. A current CV/Resume with referee contact details.
3. Copies of academic transcripts which must include Grade Point Average (GPA).

The Legal Aid Commission has competitive open-merit based recruitment & selection process

**Submission**

Applications must be submitted by 12.00pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2023; **late applications will not be accepted.**

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application by email to [vacancies@legalaid.org.fj](mailto:vacancies@legalaid.org.fj)

OR

(Vacancy Title & Reference Number)

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