

Position: Agency Attorney (I, II, III)
Agency: Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
Dept. / Div: Law, Torts
Supervisor: Deputy Executive Assistant General Counsel/Assistant General Counsel
Location: 130 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY, United States
Hours: As Required
Salary: \$110,000 to \$140,000

Non-Represented positions are eligible for telework which is currently one day per week. New Non-Represented are eligible to apply 30 days after their effective date of hire. Upon represented titles are not eligible for telework.

About: The **MTA** is North America's largest transportation network, serving a population of 15.3 million people across a 5,000-square-mile travel area surrounding New York City through Long Island, southeastern New York State, and Connecticut. The **MTA** network comprises the nation's largest bus fleet and more subway and commuter rail cars than all other U.S. transit systems combined.

We are committed to maintaining a transit system that is safe, reliable, and accessible for all. We're investing in systemwide improvements that will keep our transit system running smoothly for decades to come. And we're continuously working on ways to improve our own operations in ways that support our core values of equity, accessibility, sustainability, and cost-consciousness.

The MTA's operating agencies are New York City Transit, Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North Railroad, and Bridges and Tunnels. Construction and development supports these agencies by identifying, developing, and building the infrastructure projects needed to renew and enhance the MTA's extensive assets.

Benefits:

At the MTA, you get more than just a paycheck. We're committed to helping you live well physically and emotionally, now and in the future. Our employees have access to comprehensive healthcare benefits, training programs, paid leave, retirement benefits, transportation passes, and more. Benefits include:

- Insurance
 - Health insurance for self and dependents
 - Dental and vision insurance
 - Life insurance
 - Long-term disability insurance
- Competitive wages
 - Paid vacation, sick time, and holidays
 - Flexible spending accounts
 - Retirement plans such as 401(k) and 457
 - Pensions for eligible employees
 - Military Service Credit eligibility
- Education benefits
 - Tuition reimbursement
 - Job training and leadership development
- Other benefits
 - Transportation passes
 - Employee discounts
 - Work-Life Services
 - Paid military leave for active service members

The summary of benefits is for information purposes only and may be modified at any time. Some benefit programs, such as public retirement plans, are administered and interpreted outside of the MTA. If information conflicts with the provisions of any benefit program, the program's policies control. Represented positions should refer to the specific collective bargaining agreement or speak with your recruiter.

Job Summary:

This position is responsible for directly handling and overseeing outside counsel that handles a high volume of personal injury and property damage claims and lawsuits brought in state and federal courts against MTA agencies. The successful candidate will have experience in all phases of tort litigation and will work independently and collaboratively with senior management to carry out litigation strategies designed to reduce tort exposure.

Responsibilities:

- Handle high volume personal injury and/or property damage claims during all phases of litigation, including hearings, depositions, discovery, substantive and procedural motion practice, court conferences, settlement negotiations, and trials.
- Conduct legal research; draft pleadings, discovery responses, motions, memoranda, and internal reports; handle court appearances including status and settlement conferences, oral arguments, trials; attend mediations.
- Accurately assess liability and damages exposures and make and review appropriate reserve and settlement recommendations.
- Keep senior management informed of case status' and consult with senior management to develop and carry out litigation strategies designed to reduce tort exposure.
- Effectively communicate and interact with external departments (i.e.: operations, courts),
- Provide guidance and direction to in-house legal staff.
- Assist in the business goals of the MTA Legal Dept. in whatever manner as required by the General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel - Torts.
- Work independently and collaboratively as part of a litigation team.
- Perform other duties as assigned by senior management.

Education and Experience:

- Admission to the New York State Bar; and either one of the two following:
 - One year of satisfactory legal experience in the United States after being admitted to any state bar; or
 - Six months of satisfactory service as an Agency Attorney Intern.
- Incumbents must maintain membership in the New York State Bar in good standing throughout their employment.

Note: In addition to meeting the minimum Qualification Requirements: To be assigned to AL II, candidates must have one year of experience at Assignment. Level I or two years of comparable legal experience subsequent to admission to the bar, in the areas of law related to the assignment. To be assigned to AL III candidates must have two years of experience in Assignment Levels I and/or II or three years of comparable legal experience subsequent to admission to the bar, in the areas of law related to the assignment.

Preferred:

- Knowledge of local, State and Federal substantive and procedural laws and regulations which impact tort litigation.
- Experience defending municipalities, corporate entities and/or common carriers and experience litigating tort claims involving motor vehicle accidents and premises liability is strongly preferred.

Desired Skills:

Proven ability to manage and handle a high volume, varied tort caseload from inception to resolution and to function independently and collaboratively as part of a litigation team, under pressure and tight time constraints imposed internally or by the Courts.

- Proven ability to exercise sound judgment.
- Excellent analytical, verbal, writing and negotiation skills.
- Proven ability to build and develop professional relationships necessary to litigation (i.e.: clients, adversaries, judiciary).
- Proven ability to evaluate, devise and implement litigation strategies.
- Proven ability to forensically analyze medical records and varied technical information.
- Proven ability and command over all types of research including but not limited to legal research engines, general internet searches and investigative searches.
- Demonstrated proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite or comparable applications, i.e.: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook.

Other Information:

Pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law & the MTA Code of Ethics, all employees who hold a policymaking position must file an Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure (FDS) with the NYS Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (the “Commission”).

Equal Employment Opportunity:

MTA and its subsidiary and affiliated agencies are Equal Opportunity Employers, including with respect to veteran status and individuals with disabilities. The MTA encourages qualified applicants from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities, including military service members, to apply.

This position is being handled directly by David Gomez Partners, Inc.

To apply, please send your resume to:
Recruiting@DavidGomezPartners.com