

**Job Title: Legal Assistant I**

**Department:** District Attorney's Office  
**Immediate Supervisor:** District Attorney

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE JOB:** Performs receptionist and clerical duties for the department. Answers telephones and assists visitors.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

This information is intended to be descriptive of the key responsibilities of the position. The following examples do not identify all duties performed by any single incumbent.

Percentage  
of Time      Physical  
Strength  
Code

1) Performs clerical duties by setting up case files, filing documents, distributing cases to attorneys, making copies, marking case cards, moving files to storage room, typing correspondences and documents, dropping off mail and closing out case files.	70%	L
2) Performs receptionist duties by answering telephone, taking messages and assisting visitors at the window.	30%	L
<b><u>Physical Strength Column:</u>    S - Sedentary    L - Light    M - Medium    H - Heavy    VH - Very Heavy</b>		

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

*Overall Physical Strength Demands:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Sedentary      X   Light    \_\_\_\_\_ Medium    \_\_\_\_\_ Heavy    \_\_\_\_\_ Very Heavy

*Codes: for each physical demand code listed:*

*C = Continuously    F = Frequently    O = Occasionally    R = Rarely    N= Never*

*This is a description of the way this job is currently performed; it does not address the potential for accommodation.*

<b>Physical Demands</b>	<b>Frequency Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
Standing	O	Filing, making copies
Sitting	F	Desk work
Walking	F	To office equipment
Lifting	O	Files and supplies
Carrying	O	Files and supplies
Pulling	F	File drawers
Pushing	F	File drawers
Using Fine Dexterity	C	Computer keyboard
Reaching	F	For files and supplies
Kneeling	O	Filing in lower drawers
Crawling	N	
Twisting	F	From computer to telephone
Climbing	O	Step stool
Balancing	O	On step stool
Seeing	C	Reading, computer screen
Hearing	F	Communicating with general public and on telephone
Talking	F	Communicating with general public and on telephone
Using Foot Controls	R	Dictaphone

**Machines, Tools, Equipment and Work Aids:**

Computer and related software, fax machine, telephone, copier, typewriter, calculator

**Environmental Factors:**

Exposure to and frequency:

D = Daily      S = Seasonal      W=Several Times Per Week      M=Several Times Per Month

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS</b>					
Dirt and Dust	N	Extreme Temperatures	N	Noise and Vibration	N
Fumes and Odors	N	Wetness/Humidity	N	Darkness or Poor Lighting	N

<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>					
Mechanical Hazards	N	Chemical Hazards	N	Electrical Hazards	N
Fire Hazards	N	Explosives	N	Communicable Diseases	N
Physical Danger or Abuse	N	Other (specify)			

<b>PRIMARY WORK LOCATION</b>			
Office Environment	X	Warehouse	Shop
Vehicle		Outdoors	Other: Storage

**Protective Equipment Required:**

N/A

**Non-physical Demands:**

Frequency Codes:      F = Frequently      O = Occasionally      R = Rarely

Time Pressures	O	Emergency Situations	R
Frequent Change of Tasks	F	Irregular Work Schedule/Overtime	N
Performing Multiple Tasks Simultaneously	F	Working Closely with Others As Part of a Team	F
Tedious or Exacting Work	F	Noisy/Distracting Environment	F

## **JOB REQUIREMENTS**

### **Formal Education:**

Work requires knowledge necessary to understand basic operational, technical or office processes. Level of knowledge equivalent to four years of high school or equivalency.

### **Experience:**

Under and including one year experience is required.

### **Certifications and Other Requirements:**

Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems Certification

### **Supervisory:**

N/A

## **Contacts**

The incumbents in this position contact others within the organization. These contacts may involve similar work units or departments within the County which may be involved in decision making or providing approval or decision making authority for purchases or projects. In addition, these incumbents work with individuals outside the County who may belong to professional or peer organizations. Working with various state and federal agencies may also be required of the employee. Vendors and suppliers may also be called upon for information on purchases, supplies or products. Meetings and discussions may be conducted with customers, brokers and sales representatives.

**Signatures - Review and Comment**

I have reviewed this job description and find it to be an accurate description of this job.

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Signature of Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Job Title of Supervisor

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Signature of Supervisor

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Date

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Job Title of Department Head

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Signature of Department Head

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Date

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by individuals assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified in this position. This job description is subject to change by the County Government as the needs and requirements of the job change.