



The Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (“WMSC”) is seeking a **General Counsel** to join our growing team.

The WMSC is the designated State Safety Oversight Agency (“SSOA”) responsible for overseeing the safety of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”) Metrorail system, which operates rail transit in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The WMSC is responsible for implementing a safety oversight program in compliance with federal and other applicable regulations.

Position Overview

This role will serve as the WMSC’s General Counsel who will be responsible for managing day-to-day legal matters, conducting legal research, and organization risk management. This executive will serve as senior legal advisor to senior management, including the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy CEO and Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the WMSC Board of Directors. They will have responsibility for ensuring compliance with all applicable federal laws, the WMSC Compact, organizational bylaws, and public meeting requirements. This position will also be responsible for managing an attorney-advisor and outside counsel.

This position will report to the WMSC CEO, and work alongside the Deputy CEO & Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

Work location

Primarily remote, with on-site work as needed.

Responsibilities

- Serve as the legal representative for and a senior advisor to the WMSC, including its Board
- Ensure compliance with all applicable federal laws and regulations, the Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact (P.L. 115-54; 131 Stat. 1093) (“Compact”), the WMSC’s Bylaws and policies, and any court decisions affecting the WMSC
- Counsel on issues of Compact interpretation and bylaw and policy formation
- Conduct legal research and prepare memoranda on legal issues as needed
- Assist the Deputy CEO & Chief Operating Officer in preparing orders and directives to WMATA
- Oversee legal matters related to contract drafting and procurement, employment, open meetings compliance, and litigation
- Represent the WMSC in court
- Manage an attorney-advisor and outside counsel
- Maintain effective working relationships with agency staff as well as with key individuals in a variety of other governmental organizations and interest groups.
- Serve as the WMSC’s Freedom of Information Act officer

Required Education and Experience

- J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school
- 10+ years as a practicing attorney, with experience working for or closely with a government agency
- Active membership in good standing with the District of Columbia, Maryland, and/or Virginia bars

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience as a general counsel or deputy general counsel
- Experience working with boards and commissions and/or interstate compacts

- Familiarity with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) or FTA-regulated entities
- Litigation experience

The WMSC offers a robust compensation and benefit package

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, status as a protected veteran, or any other protected classes.

Office Location: 750 First Street NE, #900, Washington, DC 20002

Apply by sending your cover letter with salary requirements and resume to hr@wmsc.gov. Additional information is available on the WMSC employment opportunities page at [Employment Opportunities – Washington Metrorail Safety Commission \(wmsc.gov\)](#).