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## AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER JOB OPPORTUNITY

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<b>Title:</b> Chief Legal Counsel I <b>Location:</b> Pulaski County/Little Rock	
<b>Department of Agriculture</b> Administration 1 Natural Resources Drive Little Rock, AR 72205  Hiring Authority: Alex Johnston Phone: 501-219-6362 E-mail: <a href="mailto:alex.johnston@agriculture.arkansas.gov">alex.johnston@agriculture.arkansas.gov</a>  Standard State of Arkansas employment application required. Apply online: <a href="http://arcareers.arkansas.gov">http://arcareers.arkansas.gov</a> .	Entry Level Salary: \$138,412  Grade: SPC10  Position: #22181808 Req ID: #50197

### STATE'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

#### Education/experience requirements:

- Must possess a Juris Doctorate from an accredited law school.
- Five years of experience in law hearings, regulatory compliance. Government contracts, or a related field.

#### Licensure/Certifications:

- Must be licensed as an Attorney in the State of Arkansas.

#### Knowledge and Skills:

- Deep understanding of state and federal laws and regulations governing the department.
- Expertise in contract law, administrative law, compliance, litigation, and ethics.
- Ability to interpret complex legal issues and provide clear, actionable legal guidance.
- Ability to think strategically and make legal decisions that support the goals of the department while mitigating legal risks.
- Strong decision-making skills, with the ability to balance legal considerations with operational needs.
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to explain complex legal concepts to non-legal stakeholders in a clear and concise manner.
- Strong presentation skills for delivering legal advice and reports to senior leadership, the department, and external stakeholders.