



EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY
ANNOUNCEMENT
STATE OF NEW YORK
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

PLEASE POST
ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 8609

POSITION TITLE: PRINCIPAL COURT ATTORNEY

JG: 31

LOCATION: 8th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ERIE SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS

BASE SALARY: \$130,061

CLASSIFICATION: NON-COMPETITIVE/CONFIDENTIAL

QUALIFICATIONS: Admission to the New York State Bar; **and** Three (3) years of service in the Associate Court Attorney title; **or** Eight (8) years of relevant legal experience gained after admission to the New York State Bar.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK: Principal Court Attorneys serve in a confidential capacity and are responsible for overseeing the operations of special parts, terms or departments in courts with a service population exceeding 400,000. They assist the Chief Court Attorney or Supervising Court Attorney in formulation and implementation of office policy, supervision and administering the operations of a law department. Principal Court Attorneys research and analyze complex legal issues and questions for the court, may be designated to act as special referees and perform other related duties.

ASSIGNMENT: This position will work in the foreclosure and conference settlement part and have supervisory responsibilities. Duties include but are not limited to: supervising and coordinating clerks, analysts and attorneys assigned to Erie Supreme and County Courts; preparation of Annual Order, special term, and emergency special term assignments; assisting with preparation of documents; managing media requests; responding to judicial and referee complaints and inquiries received by administrative chambers and district office.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by persons assigned to this title. They do not include all job duties performed by employees in the title, and every position does not necessarily require these duties. Although a position is available and situated at a specific location, the appointee may be subject to reassignment to any position in the same title in this promotion unit dependent upon the needs of the Unified Court System. All applications received from this announcement may be used to fill any vacancies in this title that may occur in this court or agency within the next six (6) months. Position(s) available at the present time: 1.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: All interested persons meeting the minimum qualifications are encouraged to submit a UCS-5 Application for Employment form (obtainable from any administrative office in a court building or on the web at www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf) and a resume and cover letter by email to 8JDHRAApplications@nycourts.gov or by mail to:

SHION CHRISTIAN
HUMAN RESOURCES
8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
92 FRANKLIN STREET
BUFFALO, NY 14202

[APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DATA COLLECTION FORM.](#)

POSTING DATE: July 10, 2026

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY: August 7, 2026

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