

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Legal Adviser, Europe and Central Asia Programme

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a worldwide network of judges and lawyers united in affirming international law and rule of law principles that advance human rights.

The ICJ is seeking to recruit a legal adviser for 5/6 months (maternity leave cover) to contribute to its programme of work on human rights and the rule of law in Europe. The post will primarily focus on EU countries and the Legal Advisor will contribute to legal research, advocacy and capacity-building on issues of counter-terrorism, migration and rule of law.

The post is based in Brussels. Contract period: April-September 2019

Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Europe and Central Asia Programme Director, the Legal Adviser will contribute to implementing the ICJ's programme of work in particular will:

- Carry out legal research on international and EU law as well as on human rights compliance in EU member states, in particular on issues of counter-terrorism, migration and asylum;
- Prepare and implement trainings and workshops for legal practitioners, prepare materials for the workshops and draft workshop reports;
- Adapt and draft training materials for legal practitioners;
- Draft ICJ statements, briefings, press-releases and advocacy papers;
- Research and draft third party interventions to international human rights mechanisms, in particular the European Court of Human Rights;
- Contribute to the ICJ's advocacy with EU institutions on issues of human rights and the rule of law;
- In co-ordination with other Europe and Central Asia programme colleagues, contribute to representing the ICJ and maintaining relations with government, intergovernmental and NGO actors in Brussels and in EU countries;
- Contribute to the ICJ's monitoring and evaluation process as well as to fundraising, and to project and annual internal and donor reporting;
- Carry out other tasks upon request by the relevant ICJ staff members.

Qualifications

Education and experience

- University degree in law with masters degree or other further studies in international law, human rights law or a related field;
- At least five years of legal experience at national, regional or international levels, preferably including research on counter-terrorism law, migration and asylum, rule of law;
- Experience with human rights training an asset;
- Experience in working in or with non-governmental/civil society organisations.

Essential skills

- Excellent knowledge of international human rights law and EU law, especially related to counter-terrorism, migration and asylum and the rule of law;
- Strong legal research, analytical and writing skills;
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights and the rule of law;
- Sound political judgment and advocacy skills;
- Fluency in English; knowledge of other European languages an asset;
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a multi-cultural team.

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer.

The position is based in Brussels (central location), therefore a valid work permit is required. No relocation package is foreseen.

APPLICATIONS should be addressed no later than **3 January 2019** with your resume (maximum two pages), a cover letter (maximum two pages) and the names of at least two references:

By email to: europa-recruitment@icj.org

In Subject indicate: Ref: Europe legal adviser – maternity leave cover

Please appreciate that due to the volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We cannot answer phone enquiries. We thank you for your understanding.