

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

EXAMINATION FOR

NO. 5-18 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL
DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Decentralized Training and Experience examination for the position of **Assistant Corporation Counsel, Department of Law**. There is no written or oral test for this examination.

VACANCIES: At present, there is one vacancy.

SALARY: Up to \$45,000.00 per year

POSTED: May 3, 2018

A fee of **\$10.00** is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your applications. Applicants should make their fee checks or money orders payable to the **City of Binghamton**, and write the examination number(s) on your check or money order. As **no refund** will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. An exception to the fee requirement will be made only for persons who are unemployed head of household. Such claims are subject to later verification and if not supported by appropriate documentation, are grounds for barring appointment.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified job Training partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. Such claims are subject to later verification and if not supported by appropriate documentation, are grounds for barring appointment.**

Application blanks and fee waivers may be obtained at the office of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, 4th floor, City Hall, Government Plaza, Binghamton, New York, or from the **City Web-Site at www.cityofbinghamton-ny.gov** and must be filed at said office on or before **Wednesday, May 30 at 5 P.M.** Applications filed prior to the announcement of this examination are not a guarantee that you are registered to take this examination. An application for examination must be filed during the filing period listed on this announcement.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:

CANDIDATES MUST HAVE BEEN LEGAL RESIDENTS OF BROOME COUNTY FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EXAMINATION DATE. CANDIDATES MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT.

CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a law degree from a regionally accredited law school

- (a) Admission to the Bar in New York State or,
- (b) Admission to the Bar in New York State within one year from the time of appointment.

DUTIES: The duties of this class are highly professional in nature consisting of assisting the Corporation Counsel in rendering legal counsel to the Mayor and to the City Council. The work calls for a great deal of legal expertise as well as independent judgment and discretion and is under the general supervision of the Corporation Counsel. The incumbent may give direct supervision to the Research Aide and clerical staff of the Department if needed. Does related work as required.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: There will be no written or oral test for this examination. Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will receive an evaluation of their training and experience against the background of the duties of the position.

Attach to your application a summary of your training and experience. Be as concrete and specific as possible; vagueness and ambiguity will not be resolved in your favor.

In your summary of training indicate all training including any formal coursework which was not part of a degree program or which has not yet resulted in a degree. Indicate your participation in any continuing education programs including any convocations, seminars, workshops, etc., in which you have participated over the past five years. Show the approximate dates and length of such programs and the nature of your participation.

In your summary of experience include a comprehensive description of each relevant position you have held and the duties of the position. Also where applicable, indicate the percentage of time spent in performing specific duties.

Candidate Responsibility: It is the responsibility of candidates to provide all necessary documentation and to complete all relevant parts of the application. To receive credit for experience- either qualifying or against a rating scale – they must show basic information such as employer name and address, name and title of supervisor, hours worked per week, dates of employment to include month and year started and ended, etc. A copy of a verifiable transcript for required education and a copy of the required license or professional certificate must be submitted.

All information must be submitted by close of filing. Candidates who submit incomplete applications and documentations may be disqualified.

VETERAN CREDITS: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Applications for veteran's credit are available from this office. Veteran's credits can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Effective January 1, 1998, the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. **No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list.** It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credits.

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Military Law

Section 243-b(1): Any member of the armed forces who properly filed an application for a competitive examination within the announced filing period, but was unable to participate in the examination due to active military service, must be provided with a special make-up examination. This applies to veterans covered by Section 242 or 243 of the Military Law, as well as any other applicant who, due to active military service, was prevented from participating in a competitive examination for which he/she timely filed an application.

Section 243-b(2): All members of the armed forces who miss the application deadline for a civil service examination due to active military service are provided with the ability to participate in either the scheduled examination holding or a make-up examination, subject to the policy of the civil service agency administering the examination. Contact the Binghamton Civil Service Office for more information.

Children of Firefighters and Police Officers killed in the line of duty: "In conformance with section 85-A of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform the Department of Personnel of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established."

Important: A copy of the general instructions may be obtained upon request to the Municipal Civil Service Commission, 4th floor, City Hall.

This examination is announced and will be rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the N.Y.S. Civil Service Laws, Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of the examinations will apply to this written test.

The City of Binghamton is an equal employment opportunity employer with a commitment to work force diversification. All new hires are required to pass a pre-employment drug test as a condition of employment and City residency is required.

Patricia Keppler
Personnel & Safety Director