

Legislative Counsel, Associate Director, Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority

The QFCRA is looking for an Associate Director Legislative Counsel to help draft its financial services legislation.

About the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority (QFCRA)

The QFCRA is the regulatory body for financial services within the Qatar Financial Centre (QFC). The QFC is an onshore business and financial centre located in Doha and established under the State Laws of Qatar. The QFC has its own legal, regulatory, tax and business environment, allowing up to 100% foreign ownership and 100% repatriation of profits for businesses operating within the QFC jurisdiction. The QFCRA is responsible for regulating, authorising and supervising businesses conducting financial services activities in and from the QFC and has legislative power to make rules relating to those responsibilities.

The Legislative Counsel department sits within the Policy, Legal and Enforcement Division of the QFCRA. In addition to working on QFCRA rules, the department also assists with the modernisation of legislation regulating financial services and markets in the State of Qatar in conjunction with partner bodies.

Role description

The Associate Director Legislative Counsel will be expected to:

- Draft clear and accurate legislation (including QFCRA Rules and other legislation for partner bodies regulating financial services and markets within the State of Qatar)
- Review and comment on drafts prepared by other Counsel
- Ensure that the QFC legislation is published effectively and efficiently and assist with the maintenance of the QFCRA's online legislation database
- Assist with the interpretation of legislation, helping other departments to understand and implement QFCRA rules
- Provide other legal advice on matters relating to QFC legislation
- Anticipate areas for further legal clarification, and suggest changes
- Work as part of the Division and contribute to the achievement of divisional objectives
- Coach and train members of the Department and contribute to the QFCRA's nationalisation programme.

Qualifications and Experience

- Minimum of five years' experience drafting primary or secondary legislation in a common law jurisdiction
- Graduate or post graduate qualifications in Law – such as LLB, LLM, or Juris Doctor
- Admission, or eligibility for admission, to practice law in a developed legal jurisdiction

Experience drafting legislation relating to financial services is not essential but is desirable. However, preference will be given to candidates who show significant experience of drafting complex legislation on any subject where that experience shows an ability to produce clear and accurate legislation when faced with complex or substantial policy, conceptual or other issues areas and challenging time constraints.

Skills and Abilities

- Legislative drafting and editorial skills, in English, of a high order
- Conceptual and analytical skills of a very high order, including the ability to critically analyse and fully understand a policy proposal both at the level of the ideas and the level of detail
- Legal research and advisory skills, in particular on issues of legislative interpretation
- Ability to work effectively under pressure in a small team environment
- High degree of accuracy in all forms of communication
- Attention to detail, commitment to precision and thoroughness, persistence
- High level English language linguistic skills
- Ability to complete tasks to tight deadlines and to balance multiple projects simultaneously
- Interpersonal skills to enable the jobholder to cultivate productive working relationships and to carry out the job in a highly collaborative way.

If you're interested, please share your resume at: Recruitments@qfcra.com