

JOB TITLE:

Paralegal III

FLSA:

Non-Exempt

DEPARTMENT:

Medical

REPORTS TO:

Attorney

SUMMARY:

Perform a variety of paralegal functions to assist senior paralegals and attorneys in representing their clients fairly and efficiently, completing casework, documentation and interaction with clients in preparation for and during trial. Under direction, completes substantive legal work that requires knowledge of legal concepts. This includes assisting more senior paralegals in the commencement of action for new cases, the discovery process, pretrial preparation, trial, post-trial and appellate work, settlements and general paralegal responsibilities.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree and/or Paralegal Certificate required
- Five (5) to Eight (8) years of paralegal work experience
- Familiarity with medical terminology, experience with medical document review & chronology, exhibit preparation and litigation background highly preferred
- Competency in MS Office 2013 suite & database system(s)
- Federal Court/Trial and claims experience highly preferred
- Exceptional communication skills and professional phone demeanor required
- Previous experience in a fast-paced, high pressure environment required

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

“Essential functions” are primarily job duties that incumbents must be able to perform unassisted or with some reasonable accommodation made by the employer.

- Assist attorney in all phases of discovery, prepares discovery responses and requests to include requests for production, interrogatories and requests for admissions, depositions, docketing, scheduling, fielding client calls, and frequent written and oral communication with defense and/or co-counsel.
- Finalize and occasionally draft complaints, answers, routine notices, affidavits, motions and petitions.
- Compile and, as requested, analyze reports for attorneys (i.e., detailing cases settled, remaining defendants in groups of cases and/or status of case investigations).
- Organize documents and client database(s) to include coding, indexing and controls numbering and history of documents produced and received.
- Assist in initial client interviews and case investigations.
- Organize files and reviews documents and may prepare summonses.
- Draft pre-trial data, assists in the preparation of trial notebooks, exhibits and legal authorities.
- Arrange and prepare exhibits, depositions/testimony, copies, etc.
- Prepare trial subpoenas and assist in scheduling of witnesses.
- Conduct legal research on case law using WESTLAW and other appropriate law and/or medical libraries, databases, and on-line facilities.
- As directed by senior paralegals and attorneys, summarize trial testimony and drafts bill of costs. Assist on designation of records and compiling briefs.
- Perform general/and or administrative paralegal duties including legal research and specific points of briefing cases.
- Correspond with clients and adversaries. Maintain files, including form files, legal memos and expert's files.
- Complete special projects as requested.

WORKING HOURS:

Work may require more than 40 hours per week to perform the duties of the position. Work may require travel.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Overtime is possible and may be expected in order to perform the essential functions of the position.
Work is performed in a normal heated or air-conditioned office environment.

*The above is intended to describe the general content of and requirements for the performance of this job. It is not to be construed as an exhaustive statement of essential functions, responsibilities or requirements.
This job description must not be misconstrued as a promise of employment, nor deemed as an employment contract.*