

The Office of the Attorney General is the office...

of the statewide elected official directed by the Florida Constitution to serve as the chief legal officer for the State of Florida. The Attorney General is responsible for protecting Florida consumers from various types of fraud and enforcing the state's antitrust laws. Additionally, the Attorney General protects his constituents in cases of Medicaid fraud, defends the state in civil litigation cases and represents the people of Florida when criminals appeal their convictions in state and federal courts.

Within the Attorney General's Office is the Office of Statewide Prosecution which targets widespread criminal activities throughout Florida including white collar crime, drug trafficking and gang activity. The Office of the Attorney General also conducts various programs to assist victims of crime.

The Attorney General defends the constitutionality of statutes duly enacted by the Legislature and is authorized to issue formal legal opinions at the request of various public officials on questions relating to the application of state law. The Office of the Attorney General houses the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys. Also housed within the Attorney General's Office is the Office of Civil Rights, which investigates and takes legal action against violations of Floridians' civil rights.

The Attorney General serves as a member of the Florida Cabinet, along with the Chief Financial Officer and the Commissioner of Agriculture. As a Cabinet member, the Attorney General serves on the Clemency Board and as a trustee of public lands. Also as a Cabinet member, the Attorney General serves on the board of directors for several state entities, including the Departments of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Insurance, Law Enforcement, Revenue and Veterans Affairs.

Benefits For Non-Attorneys and Other Career Service Employees*

- Insurance
- Annual Leave - Accumulates
- Sick Leave - Accumulates
- Holidays
- Continuing Education
- Tuition Waivers
- Retirement
- Tax Deferred Employee Investments

For most career service employees, the value of agency benefits approximates a 30% addition to base salary.

Insurance

The agency pays a large percentage of health insurance premiums for the Career Service employee. The current monthly family rate is \$1,015.98 and the individual rate is \$449.26. The employee's portion is \$180.00 and \$50.00 respectively. The agency pays \$835.98 and \$399.26 respectively. Health plans offered are the State PPO, Blue Cross Blue Shield, or a choice of HMOs depending on the county in which you work or reside. HMO's currently offered: AvMed, Capital Health Plan, Florida Health Care, United Health Care and Vista.

The agency pays for 80% of the basic life insurance premium. The basic life plan is provided by Minnesota Life, at a value of one and one-half times the annual salary. Also available is optional term life. The employee may enroll in a policy of up to five (5) levels of coverage. Each level of coverage is equal to the employee's annual salary.

Annual Leave - Vacation Time

A career service employee receives 4 hours of annual leave per biweekly pay period for the first five (5) years of creditable service. On the 5th anniversary, the career service employee receives five (5) hours of annual leave per biweekly pay period up to 10 years of creditable service. After 10 years of creditable service, the career service employee will receive six (6) hours of annual leave per biweekly pay period.

Career service employees may carry a maximum of 360 hours of annual leave over each December 31st. The difference of hours between 360 and the number of hours in the annual leave account will be transferred to their sick leave account. Each December the career service employee is given the option of receiving payment for up to 24 hours of annual leave. Upon separation from service, a career service employee is eligible to be paid for up to a life time benefit of 240 hours of annual leave.

Sick Leave

A career service employee receives four (4) hours of sick leave each biweekly pay period. Sick leave hours may be accumulated without penalty. There is no maximum number of hours that can be carried in the sick leave account. Upon termination a career service employee with 10 years of service is eligible to be paid for 25% of their sick leave hours up to 480 hours.

Holidays

There are nine paid holidays each calendar year and one paid personal holiday each fiscal year, which begins July 1st.

Retirement

The agency provides a choice between two retirement programs and funds each at 9.85% of gross pay. No contribution is required on the part of the employee. The traditional program or pension plan requires six years of service to vest. The retirement funds are invested for you by the State Board of Administration, who absorb the activity of the market. Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) is available. Upon retirement, benefits are paid monthly for the employee's lifetime.

The investment plan requires one year of service to vest. The agency deposits contributions into a tax-free portable individual account that you control. You will absorb the market activity. Upon retirement, you can take your benefit in a single payment, in multiple payments over time, guaranteed monthly payments for life, or any combination. DROP is not available.

Tax Deferred Employee Investments

The agency provides a deferred compensation plan that allows savings to grow tax free until withdrawal.

The Office of the Attorney General is the employer of choice for those who value service, respect, and the most meaningful work available in the law.

To join the ranks of those who serve the public, and make a difference in the lives of the citizens of our state, please contact our office, or visit the website listed below.

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