

# Job Opportunity

<b>Job Title:</b>	Interstate Stream Commission General Counsel (#52973)
<b>Closing Date/Time:</b>	<b>Posted until filled</b>
<b>Salary:</b>	\$55.00 - \$60.09 Hourly \$114,400 - \$125,000 Annually
<b>Job Type:</b>	<b>Governor Exempt</b> Position (non-classified)
<b>Location:</b>	Santa Fe (City), New Mexico
<b>Department:</b>	<b>Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission (OSE/ISC)</b>

**This Announcement is not governed by the selection process of the classified personnel system.**

The OSE/ISC is recruiting for an experienced attorney to provide legal assistance and advice to the ISC. This position is a Governor Exempt position located in Santa Fe in the Interstate Stream Compact Compliance Program (Program) of the Office of the State Engineer (OSE).

The ISC is a nine-member commission (Commission), whose members are appointed by the Governor; the State Engineer serves as Secretary of the ISC.

The ISC has separate and distinct statutory duties from those of the OSE. The ISC has a statutory mandate to investigate, protect, conserve, and develop the waters of the state, interstate and otherwise. As a practical matter, this means:

- Supporting New Mexico in meeting our obligations under eight interstate agreements (compacts) apportioning the waters of interstate rivers and streams.
- Providing legal advice and support to the Commission.
- Represent the Commission in administrative, state, and federal court litigation and transactional work, involving water and environmental law.
- Conduct complex negotiations and provide legal assistance and advice to the state on water and environmental matters.
- Provide legal support and advice for technical personnel and supervise and coordinate contract work.
- Provide comprehensive legal advice in the context of state federal relations including representing the State in Indian Water Rights Settlements.
- Implementing significant regional water settlements.
- Supporting compliance of water management activities with federal environmental regulations, including the Endangered Species Act.

**Purpose of Position**

This position will ensure that ISC legal staff provide seamless and consistent legal support for the broad range of activities of the Commission.

This position will oversee legal work related to interstate compacts for the State. This position has influence over the direction of New Mexico's water resources and has the responsibility of representing and managing interstate lawsuits and water resources that sustain our economy and culture. This position serves the Agency, the Executive Staff, the Commission, the Governor, and the State of New Mexico.

**Requirements:**

Progressively responsible, professional legal experience in public administration of policy, managing staff, and providing legal services. Must possess excellent interpersonal, communication and public speaking skills and the ability to work in a complex political environment.

Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited school of law and five (5) to seven (7) years of experience in the practice of law. Must be licensed as an attorney by the Supreme Court of New Mexico or qualified to apply for limited practice license (Rules 15-301.1 and 15-301.2 NMRA).

Must possess a valid New Mexico Driver's License with the ability to independently travel.

Work is performed in an office setting with exposure to extensive computer and telephone usage. This position will require extensive travel and/or may require overnight travel for several days at a time, often on relatively short notice.

**How to Apply:**

Submit a letter of interest with resume to [annette.wilder@ose.nm.gov](mailto:annette.wilder@ose.nm.gov) or mail to P.O. Box 25102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102. For additional information, please contact Annette Wilder at 505-827-6183.

**Applications must be received by the OSE/ISC Human Resources Bureau, posted until filled.**