

LEGAL OFFICER

DUTY STATION: Brcko

GRADE: 8

CONTRACT TYPE: National

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POSITION:

The Legal Officer has a strong advisory role on the integration and reform of the entity legislation currently applicable in the field of economics in the Brcko District in accordance with the Final Award and the Statute. Under the direct supervision of the head of the legal section and in close consultation with the economic section, the legal officer is in particular responsible for the development of laws and regulations regulating financial markets.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work closely with the economic section of the Office for the Implementation of the Final Award and the banking sector in assessing financial markets and draft the laws and regulations required to develop additional and improved financial services;
- Develop the legal framework required to stimulate private investment and business development. Liaise regularly with District authorities such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Regional Development Agency, international financial institutions, and other organizations and NGOs dealing with investment and business development;
- Develop the legal framework required to stimulate the banking sector in the Brcko District in supporting home and business mortgages in harmony with European and international standards, in order to implement the Brcko law on apartment privatization.
- Advise on, and draft the legal acts required to re-organize the Brcko Port as a public corporation in accordance with the Awards of the International Arbitration Tribunal for Brcko;
- Advise on the legal framework required for the Brcko District's economic development including privatization. Provide legal support to joint-ventures of the Brcko District Government and review private investment contracts. Draft all necessary laws and regulations;
- Participate in the negotiations with successful bidders for the privatization of Brcko based companies, review contracts and ensure legal consistency.
- Provide legal analysis on the return of publicly owned business properties and the development of a District plan to privatize them openly and fairly through public tender;
- Perform any other task as directed by the Head of Legal Section

Special Support

Provide legal advice and assistance to all other Sections as directed by the Head of Section

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS / QUALIFICATIONS:

- Law Degree;
- At least three years of experience in practicing law, partly in the area of economic and/or business reform;
- Understanding of the Final Award and the Statute of the Brcko District;
- Excellent command of English;

- Strong advisory skills;
- Drafting skills;
- Good communication skills.

Any personnel with the above qualifications should provide (in English) a CV with a one-page cover letter and references to the following:

Personnel Department
Office of the High Representative
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Reference number: 2004/346 must be quoted
Closing date for applications: 10 July 2004

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted
No telephone inquiries please