National Investigator – Investigation and Verification Department; Independent Judicial Commission

CONTRACT: National (4 posts)

THE INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The Independent Judicial Commission (IJC) is the leading agency for the co-ordination of judicial reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the development of judicial reform strategy. It provides opinions and advice to and works closely with Ministries of Justice, Judges, Prosecutors, other relevant national authorities and the international community regarding the process of judicial reform and the promotion of the rule of law and serves as a focal point for international assistance to judicial reform initiatives. It is currently spearheading a vigorous reform programme to enhance the independence and professionalism of the judiciary by restructuring the court system, the selection of judges and prosecutors and the institution of the High Judicial Council responsible for the appointment and discipline of judges and prosecutors.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POSITION

The IVD will receive, review, and verify all application information, prepare an assessment of each applicant’s qualifications, and then recommend applicants for further evaluation by the HJC.

The IVD and the IJC Field Offices will consist of international and national legal officers/investigators who will gather information about applicants. They will also be responsible for verifying, reviewing, and assessing the qualifications of applicants for judicial and prosecutorial posts. They will also assist in planning the development of the HJC and the logistics of the appointment process for all courts and prosecutor's offices, requiring co-ordination with other IJC departments responsible for overseeing the restructuring of the courts and prosecutor's offices.

The incumbent will work under the general supervision of the Chief of Investigation and Verification Department (IVD), and the direct supervision of the Deputy Chief of IVD and Senior Judicial ReformOfficer.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

· Investigate cases involving allegations of misconduct by judges and prosecutors, either alone or working as part of a team;

· Verify information provided by applicants for judicial and prosecutorial positions;

· Assist in relation to all issues arising relating to investigations of judges and prosecutors, including domestic legal issues and procedures;

· Performing related tasks as required, including occasional translation and interpretation;

· All other related duties as assigned by their supervisors.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

· Law Degree or other or other equivalent qualification;

· Relevant professional experience required;

· Drafting ability, particularly relating to reports;

· Proficiency in written and oral English language skills essential, including knowledge of legal terminology;

· Computer literacy essential;

· Mature judgment;

· Ability to operate independently.

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

Personnel Department
OHR Sarajevo
Emerika Bluma 1, 71000 Sarajevo
Fax: +387 (0) 33 283 771
E-mail: application@ohr.int

Please quote Reference number: 2002/167, 168, 169 and 170

Closing date for applications: 6 August 2002

The Independent Judicial Commission foresees in the up and coming months (June through July) a number of vacant positions for both National and International Contractors. These positions will be filled on a needed basis with appointment dates subject to organizational needs and vacancy announcements will not have starting dates. Only short listed candidates will be contacted and advised of exact dates of duration of contracts.