# LEGAL OFFICER

**Duty station:** Brcko

**Contract type:** National

**Grade:** 8

**PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE POSITION**

Legal Officer, under the direct supervision and guidance of the Head of Section, harmonises and reforms entity legislation in the field of economics within the Brcko District. Legal Officer is in particular responsible for drafting of legislation in the fields of taxation and business development as well as providing legal support to business initiatives in the Brcko District and reviewing investment contracts.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

· Provide legal advice on the administration of public property in the Brcko District to enhance the District's economic development and draft appropriate legislation;

· Provide legal assistance to initiatives of the Brcko District Government to develop a business friendly environment, review investment contracts and advise on their conformity with Brcko District's legal framework;

· Follow developments throughout the country in the fields of VAT and Income tax, draft appropriate legislation for the Brcko District and advise on its implementation;

· Advise on the implementation of the laws on excise and sales tax and draft necessary amendments to existing legislation;

· Advise on the implementation of the Agreement on Creating a Single Economic Space in the Field of Petroleum Products between the Entities and the Brcko District;

· Provide legal advice on the implementation of the Final Award;

· Analyse Entity laws currently applicable in the Brcko District in particular in the field of economics, recommend appropriate measures for their harmonisation and reform within the District and, under the guidance of the Head of Section, draft appropriate legislation;

· Liaise with District authorities, advise on their development, negotiate and review agreements with the Entities that have financial implications for the Brcko District.

**Special Support**

· Provide assistance to all other OHR, Final Award Office Sections as directed by the Head of Section;

· Harmonize and reform Entity laws as directed by the Head of Section.

**PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

· Law Degree;

· At least three years of experience in practicing law, preferably in the area of business law;

· Understanding of the Final Award and the Statute of the Brcko District;

· Familiarity with EU law;

· Excellent command of English;

· Good drafting skills;

· Excellent communication skills.

Any person with this overall professional profile who wishes to be considered for the position should submit (in English) a CV and one page cover letter with references to:

***Personnel Department***
***Office of the High Representative***
***Emerika BLuma 1, 71000 Sarajevo***
***Bosnia and Herzegovina***

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