

# LEGAL OFFICER FOR BUSINESS LAW REFORM

**DUTY STATION:** Sarajevo

**GRADE:** 8

**CONTRACT TYPE:** National

## Purpose and Scope of the Position;

Under the overall direction of the Head of the Department for Legal Affairs the Legal Officer is responsible for working as part of a small team of lawyers specializing in business law who together form the business law unit within the Legal Department of the Office of the High Representative. Due to the fact that peace keeping issues often give rise to problems of a multi-disciplinary nature which may range over a number of areas the Legal Officer will be expected to work periodically as part of a larger Legal Department team with lawyers who formally comprise the civil and commercial or environmental units contained within the Legal Department and to work in consultation with and in liaison with other departments and regional offices of the Office of the High Representative as required and appropriate. In general the Legal Officer will help the Legal Department play a key part in the provision of specialist legal services in all areas of law of major importance to the High Representative and the Departments of the Office of the High Representative.

## Duties and Responsibilities;

Under the general supervision of the Head of Legal Department and direct supervision of the Legal Officer of the Civil and Criminal Law Section, the national Legal Officer for Business Law Reform is expected to contribute to the development of

legal positions concerning all matters within the responsibility of the OHR Legal Department.

- Ensure proper follow-up of the commercial law reform both on the level of the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the level of the Entities of BiH;
- Ensure proper implementation of already adopted laws related to the privatization of enterprises and banks;
- Follow-up and initiate legal amendments in commercial laws in order to have entities legislation in line with principles established on the State level;
- To ensure proper implementation of the reform, aimed to bring the commercial laws to a level close to the one existing in other European countries;
- To follow-up the implementation of Action Plan for removal of administrative barriers to investment in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Issue advise, opinions and suggestions regarding the institutional organization in commercial matters;
- Prepare legal opinions;
- Cooperate with other international organizations, NGO's and local authorities responsible for the above-mentioned matters.
- When away on vacation or otherwise not available, place will be taken in rotation by other members of the Civil and Commercial Unit.

### **Professional Requirements / Qualifications;**

- Have at last 5 years of relevant working experience;
- Hold a degree in Law;
- Be fully computer literate;
- Have a good command of English – both spoken and written – as a working language;

*Any person 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***

***Emerika Bluma 1, 71000 Sarajevo***

***Bosnia and Herzegovina***

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***Reference number: 2003/260 must be quoted***

***Closing date for applications: August 25, 2003***

***Only short-listed candidates will be contacted***

***No telephone inquiries please***