

Job Description

Title: Associate Legal Counsel
Location: St. Louis, MO

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The Lion Forge, LLC operates two business divisions: Lion Forge Comics, a consumer product publisher, and Lion Forge Labs, a business-to-business creative services studio. Lion Forge, LLC, is part of the Cel Shaded Ventures family of entertainment companies, which includes an animation company and a music publishing company.

Lion Forge Comics creates award-winning comic books and graphic novels with globally-recognized licensed properties and on-trend original concepts, bringing single issues, serials, trade paperback collections, and original graphic novels to market. As an African-American-owned company committed to “Comics for Everyone,” we strive to publish titles that reflect the diversity of our world in the characters, the creators, and the Lion Forge team.

Lion Forge Labs provides creative services for companies and organizations who want to take their brand story-telling to the next level. We create compelling content with proven retention rates higher than traditional mediums. Lion Forge Labs works with a variety of nationally-known entities.

Our company is growing exponentially and developing new and exciting revenue streams across multiple and varied entertainment industry platforms.

Lion Forge seeks an individual that has the following qualities and abilities:

- have exceptional organizational, prioritization, and time management skills;
- manage a high-volume work load efficiently and effectively;
- execute multiple, high-priority projects;
- have a keen attention to detail;
- identify potential risks;
- anticipate obstacles and minimize their impact;
- solve problems in a professional, creative and ethical manner;
- work on deadline;
- collaborate with a diverse and dynamic team; and
- communicate effectively and positively with all levels of management, including senior level executives.

In this position, your duties and responsibilities may include:

- reviewing, researching, writing, negotiating, and summarizing a wide variety of agreements including licensing, publishing, distribution, work-made-for-hire, supplemental rights, vendors, services, non-disclosure, confidentiality, and other general business contracts;
- developing, informing, and executing trademark and copyright portfolio strategies to



preserve and protect company IP, including trademark research and preparation (but not including proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board or other litigation), and copyright registration and maintenance;

- leading, overseeing, and executing contract management and compliance systems and strategies;
- developing, implementing, and maintaining clearance processes for content;
- assisting with strategic partnership deals and mergers and acquisitions;
- advising and training business units on minimizing risks and maximizing legal protections and rights;
- interacting with and assisting in the management of outside counsel to ensure timely and cost-effective service delivery;
- researching industry developments, unique legal issues, and changes to the law; and
- supervising and managing paralegals and administrative staff.

The successful applicant for this position will have:

- a thorough understanding and established history of maintaining confidences;
- the ability to maintain composure under pressure;
- a professional attitude and demeanor;
- tact and diplomacy;
- excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- a four-year college degree and graduate legal degree;
- their license to practice law in the State of Missouri;
- strong computing and information management skills (including Office 365, Excel, Word, Salesforce) and the ability to adapt to new technology;
- previous experience working in publishing, media, IP, and/or entertainment; and
- enjoys working with wide variety of people.

This position reports to the Chief Legal Officer of Cel Shaded Ventures.

This is a full-time, salaried, exempt position requiring availability during business hours and extended availability as needed. Compensation will be determined by market and experience. The Lion Forge, LLC policy provides benefits to full-time Lion Forge employees that include paid holidays, additional paid time off, and subsidized health insurance.

Application should be made by submitting a cover letter and resume to jobs@lionforge.com.