

Government Relations Counsel

The Missouri Bar seeks a government relations counsel to assist in coordinating the bar's legislative/public policy programs, developing the bar's positions on legislative/public policy matters, and representing/advancing the bar's interests with Missouri's legislative and executive branches, as well as other state and federal governmental entities.

The ideal candidate will have significant prior legislative or public policy experience, a thorough understanding of the legislative process, and an ability to relate respectfully to persons of all perspectives and backgrounds. Previous involvement in bar activities is helpful.

Responsibilities:

- Develop, write, and edit government relations-related content for Missouri Bar publications and website
- Manage a tracking process for state and federal government issues that affect the administration of justice, the integrity of the judiciary, or the legal profession
- Provide regular updates to the Board of Governors, Executive Committee, and membership of The Missouri Bar about state and federal issues that affect the administration of justice, the integrity of the judiciary, or the legal profession
- Help supervise administrative staff and contract lobbyists
- Provide assistance to the sections, divisions, or committees of The Missouri Bar with law improvement projects, such as the preparation, introduction, and enactment of Bar-sponsored proposed legislation
- Plan and implement events and other activities to support The Missouri Bar's government relations and public policy goals, such as federal or state legislative days and local events with elected officials
- Serve as staff liaison to designated sections, divisions or task forces, or standing or special committees of The Missouri Bar
- Serve as editor of the Legislative Digest, an annual publication of The Missouri Bar summarizing the new laws enacted during each year's legislative session
- Serve as editor of the Courts Bulletin, a monthly publication summarizing the latest court decisions in selected areas of law
- Develop continuing legal education programming on legislative or related topics for bar-sponsored programs or events
- Assist in the development of a proposed annual budget for government relations activities and implement the annual budget approved by the Board of Governors for those functions
- Occasional travel to programs and meetings
- Work closely with an experienced staff
- Perform other duties as required or assigned

Key Competencies:

- Excellent communication and management skills, both written and verbal
- Flexibility
- Willingness to work long hours
- Resilience under stress
- Ability to provide services on a confidential, nonpartisan and impartial basis, including objective, neutral and in-depth legal analysis and conclusions
- Reputation for trustworthiness, credibility and loyalty
- Must be able to work with legislators, other elected officials, staff, and other individuals with different party affiliations, opinions and philosophies
- Ability to work on legislation related to a variety of public policy positions
- Highly organized
- Sound judgement and decision-making ability

Applicants must be licensed attorneys in good standing and admitted to The Missouri Bar or eligible to become a member. Five or more years of progressively responsible professional experience in policy development, legislative advocacy, government relations, public relations, or a related field preferred.

Extended hours and occasional travel required. Position located in Jefferson City. Apply by sending cover letter, resume and salary requirements to hrdept@mobar.org. Preference given to applications received by Sept. 1, 2020. EOE