

POSITION DESCRIPTION

National Fisheries Authority

AM3620 - Principal Legal Counsel

The Principal Legal Counsel (PLC) reports to the Managing Director and is primarily responsible ensuring that NFA's contractual responsibilities and obligations are discharged competently. The PLC will also be responsible for the provision of administrative support to the NFA Board and a link to the Minister for Fisheries and senior management on all matters pertaining to Board administration and implementation of decisions. The PLC will be the main contact point for the administration of legal and contractual arrangements in NFA which includes review and evaluation of NFA's responsibilities to ensure compliance with prevailing legal and regulatory requirements. The PLC will develop and manage and monitor the performance of contracts and organizations or agencies contracted to provide services to NFA and provide regular reports to NFA management on their status.

A key aspect of this role is to maintain dialogue and good working relations with the Attorney General's Office and private law firms to ensure that NFA has access to competent legal advice at all times. The incumbent will provide guidance and advice on broad functional policies and goals including general managerial direction and advice on contractual responsibilities, regional and international obligations to ensure these are discharged competently.

Expected Competencies

- Degree in Law, International Law or a similar qualification from a recognized university, preferably with post-graduate qualifications
- Minimum of 5 years' experience in a senior legal role within the public or private sector with proven experience in legal drafting, contracts and contract management
- Well-developed understanding of access agreements in the context of the Fisheries Management Act 1998 and its related regulatory processes, and how they link to government objectives and policies;
- Good understanding of fisheries law, international law, national fisheries issues and regional fisheries agreements
- Good working knowledge and understanding of the Law of the Sea and its supplements, and their significance in the context of Papua New Guineas macro-economic and sector objectives
- Good understanding of corporate governance and Board administration processes; and demonstrated experience in Board meetings and administration
- Demonstrated experience in budgeting, financial management and reporting
- Excellent oral and written communication and report writing skills, with high level presentation skills
- Demonstrated leadership capabilities with excellent people management skills
- Advanced Computer literacy skills.

Applications close cob Friday 26th January 2018

To apply for this position:

- Download and complete the Application Form from <http://www.vanguardpng.com>.
- Email the application to admin@vanguardpng.com together with a copy of your CV in MS Word format.

Note: Do not include copies of any other documents. You will be asked to provide the originals of certificates etc if you are selected for Interview