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The Office of the Regional Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in San Francisco is soliciting résumés from current members of the bar. It is anticipated that the attorney will work primarily on matters involving the Indian Health Service, especially the Navajo Area.

The Office of the Regional Counsel handles matters arising within DHHS Region IX (principally Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada) for all of the agencies in the Department. The Office handles a myriad of programs and issues, including health law, employment law, and welfare law. The office's attorneys conduct administrative litigation, which typically involves lengthy evidentiary hearings, and work with the Department of Justice on complex Federal district court and appellate cases. The attorneys also provide written and oral legal advice to DHHS officials concerning the Department's programs, which have a profound effect on the lives of virtually all individuals in the United States. A description of the Office of the General Counsel, including the Regional Offices such as the San Francisco office, can be found at www.hhs.gov/ogc.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) provides health care and treatment to American Indians through its own hospitals and clinics, and it contracts with Tribes and Tribal organizations to operate additional health care facilities. The San Francisco Regional Office includes four IHS Areas: California, Navajo, Phoenix, and Tucson, which are described at www.ihs.gov. The Navajo IHS Area Office is primarily responsible for health care to members of The Navajo Nation and the Southern Band of San Juan Paiutes, but also provides care to other Native Americans such as members of the Zuni and Hopi tribes. The Navajo Nation is the largest Indian tribe in the United States and has the largest reservation, which encompasses more than 25,000 square miles in the Four Corners area of the United States. The attorneys working with IHS handle a wide range of hospital law, health law, Indian law, employment law, information law, and other issues, and they often play a significant role in IHS's many contract negotiations with Tribes and Tribal organizations.

The position will be filled at the GS-11, GS-12, GS-13, or GS-14 level, depending on the experience of the person selected. In 2007, annual salaries in San Francisco for those Grade levels start at \$61,221, \$73,377, \$87,257, and \$103,111, respectively. The Office regrets that it is not able to pay for relocation expenses.

Interested candidates should send a résumé, two writing samples, and a reference list to the attention of Richard K. Waterman, Regional Chief Counsel, by mail to the above address, by facsimile to 415-437-8188, or by e-mail to richard.waterman@hhs.gov. A cover letter is optional. If the candidate graduated from law school less than five years ago, a law school transcript also should be submitted. The position is open only to U.S. citizens. To ensure consideration, materials must be received by September 28, 2007.

The Office of the Regional Counsel is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer, and encourages applications from individuals of diverse backgrounds.