

# Maryland Office of People's Counsel

## Assistant People's Counsel

### Special Appointment

The Maryland Office of People’s Counsel seeks a creative, energetic attorney to join it in advocating, amid climate change, for the economic and environmental interests of the State’s residential consumers of public utility services such as electricity and natural gas. Our attorneys work at the dynamic intersection of energy law, economics, and environmental policy, developing policy positions as well as litigating public utility matters. We work to hold utilities accountable for their performance and to ensure Maryland consumers are protected against unjust and unreasonable rate increases for services, while also advocating for policies that further the State’s efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Our work includes appearances before the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and State and federal appellate courts, as well as testimony before legislative committees. We also participate in state and national-level policy initiatives regarding consumer issues and incorporation of new technologies — including distributed resources, renewable generation, and electric vehicles — onto the electric grid.

**Qualifications:** Admission to the Maryland Bar is required. The candidate should have excellent analytical, writing, and oral advocacy skills. Consumer protection and administrative litigation experience is a plus. Background in or familiarity with utility regulation, economics, engineering, or accounting will enhance the application.

**To apply:** Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume and two writing samples to Lori Sears, Office of People’s Counsel, 6 St. Paul Street, Suite 2102, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, via email at [lori.sears@maryland.gov](mailto:lori.sears@maryland.gov).

Completed applications must be received by close of business on **October 31, 2022**.

Information regarding Maryland State Benefits may be found at [www.dbm.maryland.gov](http://www.dbm.maryland.gov).

**Benefit Highlights:**

Transportation benefits

Health insurance

Our location is in downtown Baltimore near the Inner Harbor with waterfront views

State retirement package

Remote work possibilities  
Vacation and sick days  
Qualifies for public service loan forgiveness

Salary range commensurate with experience.

The Office of the People's Counsel is an equal opportunity employer that encourages all interested persons to apply regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, pregnancy, or genetic information. OPC is committed to recruiting, retaining, and promoting individuals who have historically been underrepresented in the practice of law.

If you need a reasonable accommodation for the interview, please reach out to Brandi Nieland via email at [brandi.nieland@maryland.gov](mailto:brandi.nieland@maryland.gov). For information on our Equal Opportunity Complaint process visit: <https://dbm.maryland.gov/eo/Pages/EEOFileComplaint.aspx>