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**DELAWARE COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICE ANNOUNCES
OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
SENIOR PARALEGAL
EXAM #87260010**

DATE ISSUED

June 20, 2024

DATE OF EXAMINATION

September 14, 2024

LAST FILING DATE

August 8, 2024

NOTICE: ONLY APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE DELAWARE COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS EXAMINATION.

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED

EXAMINATION FEE: A fee of \$15.00 is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee **MUST** accompany your application and be in our office by 4:30pm on the last filing date or you will not be approved to take the examination. Send or deliver your certified check or money order payable to the Delaware County Personnel Office. Write the examination number(s) on your check or money order. ******PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.****** No refund of fees will be allowed whether or not you meet the minimum qualifications. You are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

EXAMINATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of the examination fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of examination fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for examination fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for examination fee waiver, complete a Request for Examination Fee Waiver and Certification form and submit it with your application by the Last Filing Date as listed on the Examination Announcement. Request for Examination Fee Waiver and Certification forms may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at www.delcony.us. Click on "departments," and then "personnel."** Waivers will not be considered if filed after the last filing date.

LOCATION OF POSITIONS: Delaware County, Public Defenders Office, 97 Main Street, Delhi, NY 13753; Delaware County Attorney, 111 Main Street, Delhi, NY 13753

SALARY: \$54,083 - \$58,321

DUTIES: This work involves complex paralegal work and assisting with day-to-day administrative functions and a variety of tasks that, while not requiring the skills of an attorney, nevertheless, entail the application of limited legal procedure and research techniques to facilitate the preparation of legal documents in matters of litigation. The Senior Paralegal performs a wide variety of legal, fiscal, clerical supervisory and administrative tasks required of a legal office. The work involves an understanding of laws, policies and procedures. This position supervises and allocates work for staff and ensures that all staff training requirements and documents are properly completed and submitted appropriately. The work is performed under the general supervision of the department's attorneys with considerable leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment. Does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

(A) Graduation from a college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Paralegal/Legal Studies or related field; AND Two (2) years of experience as a Paralegal or legal secretary; OR

(B) Graduation from a college or university with a Associate's Degree in Paralegal/Legal Studies or related field; AND Four (4) years of experience as a Paralegal or legal secretary; OR

(C) Graduation from high school or possession of a New York State equivalency diploma; AND Six (6) years of experience as a Paralegal or legal secretary.

NOTE: Must be eligible for a driver's license issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and must possess same at the time of appointment and maintain during employment.

NOTE: Your degree or credit hours must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree or credit hours were awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

Candidates claiming college credits MUST submit a copy of their official transcript(s).

RESUMES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOUR APPLICATION BUT WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY AS AN ADDITION TO YOUR APPLICATION.

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, all required experience must be full-time paid or its part-time paid equivalent. **You are responsible for submitting an accurate, adequate and clear description of your experience. Omissions or vagueness will NOT be interpreted in your favor.** Applicants for examination must meet all minimum qualifications on or before the examination date with no tolerances allowed. If an applicant lacks the required experience or has not completed all required training at the time, he/she submits an application, but is serving in a qualifying position or will complete all required course work by the date of the examination, he/she may be approved conditionally to take an examination pending verification of successful completion of all experience and training requirements.

There are no residency requirements for this exam; however, preference in appointment may be given to legal residents of Delaware County

A Guide for the Written Test for **Legal Services** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.nys.gov>. Candidates not having access to a computer, or the internet may request a copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination. Candidates who wish a copy of the Guide should call or write to the Delaware County Personnel Office, One Courthouse Square, Suite #2, Delhi, New York 13753 (607-832-5678) or access our web site at www.delcony.us. Click on "departments," and then "personnel."

Scopes / Subjects of examination: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas.

Preparing written material: These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

Understanding and interpreting written material: These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions **only** on what is presented in the passages and **not** on what you may happen to know about the topic.

Evaluating conclusions in light of known facts: These questions will consist of a set of facts and a conclusion. You must decide if the conclusion is proved by the facts, disproved by the facts or if the facts are not sufficient to prove or disprove the conclusion. The questions will not be specific to a particular field.

Legal terminology, documents and forms: These questions test for the ability to recognize definitions of specific common legal terms or the term which fits a certain description. The questions are presented in various forms such as simple definitions, examples of terminology, and the use of this terminology within documents and forms related to the legal field.

Supervision: These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: USE OF CALCULATORS IS ALLOWED FOR THIS EXAM. You are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar/battery powered calculators. Calculators with typewriter keyboards, Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries or any similar devices **are prohibited**. You may not bring books or other reference materials other than what has been mentioned above.

This examination is announced and will be rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Applications for the examination can be obtained from the Delaware County Personnel Office, One Courthouse Square, Suite #2, Delhi, New York 13753 or online at www.delcony.us. Click on "departments," and then "personnel." **ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION MUST BE CONTAINED IN YOUR APPLICATION. RESUMES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOUR APPLICATION BUT WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY AS AN ADDITION TO YOUR APPLICATION.** A separate application must be filed for **EACH** examination for which you apply. Applications must contain the correct examination title and/or number in order to be considered. The Delaware County Personnel Office reserves the right to accept or to reject applications/fees submitted/postmarked after the last announced filing date. The Delaware County Personnel Office is NOT responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

CROSS-FILING: APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WHEN EXAMINATIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON SAME DATE: If you have applied for other Civil Service examinations for employment with N.Y. State or other local governments, **YOU** must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site. **If you are taking a state exam you must sit at a State site.** If you have applied for an examination, in another County, City or State, which is scheduled to be given the same date as this exam, you must write our office and the Civil Service office in the other County/City or State and make arrangements to take both exams at either our test site or theirs. **You must make these arrangements with our office no later than the last filing date indicated on this announcement. You must advise our office in writing, by the last filing date contained in this announcement where you intend to take this exam.** Please note that State exams cannot be given at our test site.

APPLICATION DEADLINE POLICY: All completed applications along with application fees or proofs of waiver must be submitted to the Delaware County Personnel Department by 4:30pm on the date of last file as listed on the Examination announcement. Applications received via U.S. Mail will be accepted only if received on or before the last file date. Applications that are received after the Application Deadline and are not received in the Personnel Department by the last file date will not be accepted.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, ALTERNATE TEST DATES, MILITARY PERSONNEL: If you require reasonable accommodations as a disabled person, or special testing arrangements as one in need of religious accommodation, or are an alternate test date candidate (in accordance with Alternate Test Date Policy), or an active member of the military away from the area on the scheduled test date, clearly indicate this fact on the application. All such requests must be supported by appropriate documentation. If you are unable to take this examination due to an emergency situation, and you wish an alternate test date, you **MUST** call the Delaware County Personnel Office, with your request, by noon of the Monday following the test date.

*****Religious Accommodation***** Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with religious observance or practice, check the box under ASpecial Arrangements. We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following Monday).

*****Handicapped Persons:***** If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application.

*****Active Duty Military Personnel:***** Pursuant to Section 243b of the Military Law, applicants who are unable to take this exam on the regular exam date because of active military duty may be eligible to take a special military makeup examination. If you are on active military duty and unable to take this exam on the regularly scheduled exam date, please indicate this on your application. You will then be sent additional information regarding a military makeup exam.

*****Veterans or Disabled Veterans:***** Who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veterans credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Applications for veterans credit are available from this office. Veterans credits can only be added to a passing score. Effective January 1, 1998, the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate **currently in the armed forces** to apply for and be conditionally granted veterans credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. **No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list.** It's the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate proof, as defined in Section 85 of the Civil Service Law, that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veterans credits.

*****Children of Firefighters and Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty***** In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

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CARRARA KNOETGEN, PERSONNEL OFFICER**