

# Job Posting

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	PA Office of Attorney General
<b>SECTION:</b>	Antitrust Section / Public Protection Division
<b>CLASS:</b>	Economist
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Strawberry Square, Harrisburg
<b>TYPE POSITION:</b>	Permanent, Full-time, Management, Non-civil service
<b>WORK HOURS:</b>	8:30 – 5:00
<b>SALARY RANGE:</b>	Pay Range 8 - Minimum pay of \$57,272

## **BASIC FUNCTION:**

This is professional analytical work in the research, analysis, manipulation, interpretation, and presentation of economic information in a section which helps protect the free enterprise system by detecting anti-competitive prices and taking legal action to stop them. Acting as a watchdog to maintain a free and open marketplace, the section brings legal actions to recover overcharges paid by consumers and state agencies as a result of violations of state and federal antitrust laws. The section also reviews and challenges mergers which may result in consumers or state agencies paying higher prices or which may harm Pennsylvania's economy.

The Economist will use economic theory and empirical modeling to analyze antitrust questions and make policy recommendations. An employee in this position will work with lawyers and investigators on investigations and litigation and will also coordinate cases with outside economic and industry experts. Work may also be performed for other sections within the Office on non-Antitrust matters.

## **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Conducts economic and market research
- Evaluates economic theories, models, arguments, and evidence
- Collects and analyzes data
- Develops damages or restitution models to support recovery of monetary relief
- Reviews documents
- Drafts memoranda, reports, charts, tables, and other documents
- Assists with interviews of market participants
- Assists in depositions or other investigative hearings
- Manages constituent inquiries
- Organizes and maintains hard copy and computer files relating to investigations and litigation

**MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:**

- Two years of professional experience researching, analyzing, interpreting, or presenting economic information; and a bachelor's degree that includes 18 credits in economics OR
- One year of professional experience researching, analyzing, interpreting, or presenting economic information; and a master's degree in economics OR
- An equivalent combination of experience and training that includes 18 credits in economics.

**PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

- A Master's or equivalent training in economics or a related field
- Strong empirical and analytical skills
- Experience working with and analyzing data in Excel, Access, or other programs
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to deal effectively with the public
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office software and ability to learn document management software
- Experience with econometric methods and/or Stata or similar statistical analysis software
- Familiarity with diversion ratio and choice models