

NEW MEXICO JUDICIAL BRANCH

LAW LIBRARIAN 1

This job description is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions performed.

SUMMARY

Under supervision maintain the Judicial Branch Law Library collections, perform research, provide administrative assistance, customer service, technical support and training to the public and the courts of the State of New Mexico.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: A Master's Degree in Library Science from an American Library Association accredited college or university.

Education Substitution: Bachelor's degree in any field plus two (2) additional years work experience in a law library, law firm, court, or legislative library or research bureau or 12 hours legal course work of which at least three (3) course hours was in legal research.

Experience: Two (2) years library experience, of which one (1) year must have been in reference, oversight of government documents, cataloging, or providing library technical services.

Experience Substitution: Juris Doctor or other relevant graduate level education may substitute for up to two (2) years experience at a rate of 30 semester hours equals one (1) year of experience.

Other: Completion of a post offer background check may be required.

Knowledge: Knowledge of Integrated Library Systems; Library of Congress guidelines, machine readable cataloging (MARC) standards and Anglo-American Cataloging Rules 2nd (AACR2), guidelines, standards, and schedules on bibliographic organization, database structure and use; library acquisitions and the acquisition process; Library ethical and confidentiality standards; print, digital and interdisciplinary research; digital publishing; computer applications, electronic information resources and trends; Federal Depository guidelines and practices and emerging trends in government information publication and dissemination; legal terminology; New Mexico law, constitution and statutes, and federal law; rules, civil and criminal procedure; court rules, structure, operations, policies and procedures; reference interview procedures and techniques including the information transfer process; government documents, including processing, online cataloging, and instructional experience; advanced Internet search skills; desktop applications and networking; library safety and security issues; proper English usage, grammar and punctuation; basic financial, cash handling procedures and accounting standards; statistical analysis; computer software applications (i.e., word processing, spreadsheets, databases, court case management system, e-mail and Internet); and general office practices, filing systems and office equipment (i.e., telephone, printer, copier, fax, scanner, postage meter, microfiche and reader machine).

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Skill & Ability: **Skill in** being organized and detailed oriented; researching and retrieving legal and interdisciplinary information; communicating effectively both orally and in writing with diverse parties; assimilating information and providing a response; reading comprehension and discerning the content and relative importance of cases, statutes, and other legal information resources; maintaining confidentiality and patron privacy; active listening and fact recognition when conducting reference interviews; providing patron service courteously and diplomatically; utilizing computer applications, including electronic information resource; maintaining accurate files and records; maintaining professional demeanor and composure; multi-tasking; establishing priorities and meeting deadlines; using computer and computer software including word processing, case management and email; filing; typing and entering data precisely; running statistical and acquisitions reports; handling money and calculating sums; and knowing when to seek assistance and collaborate with other library staff. **Ability to** receive and follow directions and apply relevant policies and procedures to assigned work; work well both independently and collaboratively; display teamwork, resourcefulness, and adapt to changing work priorities; establish-cooperative working relationships in a complex and a rapidly changing environment; learn quickly and retain information; maintain meticulous attention to detail; work effectively with diverse and sometimes difficult clientele; communicate effectively both orally and in writing; independently analyze, organize, and solve patron problems; plan and manage multiple projects; participate in collaborative decisions to create policies and procedures regarding assigned work; accept management guidance; operate library and court equipment; work independently; train others in legal research, computer applications, library techniques, equipment and procedures; develop library instructions; and manage time effectively while handling a high-volume workload in an environment subject to frequently changing priorities.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Develop and administer the legal information collection - Physically organize collection; update legal materials; superintend microfiche, digital and electronic titles and materials collection; receipt all incoming monies appropriately; ensure accurate fees are paid and recorded; balance and reconcile daily cash receipts; prepare and maintain associated reports; evaluate binding needs; and ensure proper classification. **Government Documents Management** - Follow policies outlined by Chapter 19 Title 44 of the U.S. Code, the Federal Depository Library Manual and Law Library Policies; review policies, rules and regulations promulgated by Government Printing Office (GPO) to ensure compliance with Federal Depository Library Programs Standards to maintain the library's status as a Federal Government Depository; and select and cancel materials in accordance with GPO regulations, user needs, and library space constraints. **Cataloguing** - Perform the cataloging and classification of books, government documents, serials, CD-ROMs, audio and videotapes and the processing of all materials in the library in accordance with library procedures, SuDoc classification regulations, Library of Congress guidelines, MARC and AARC2 standards. **Acquisitions** - Correspond and negotiate with publishers regarding transactions or disputes; cancel subscriptions per library retention schedules, budgetary and space constraints, and user needs; maintain acquisitions database; and perform the disposal and deaccessioning of books and other materials. **Digital Resources Management** - Loads updated software on staff and patron computers; consults with the State Law Librarian and the Judicial Information Division regarding the acquisition of specific computer technology; update library patron databases such as OneSource of Law, Bureau of National Affairs, CCH and other legal research CD or DVD products; train patrons and staff on the use of digital legal information; serves as Library's expert on purchase and maintenance of software and computer hardware; and provide informal training on use of new software. **Reference & Circulation**

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Patron Services - Provide research and reference services to assist and provide patrons with legal and government documents, treatises, law reviews, reporters, statutes, encyclopedias, forms (including library-produced forms), access to online search utilities, or direct disembodied information; analyze inquiries, locate and convey information, without giving legal advice; maintain confidentiality of library patrons and records; instruct attorneys, patrons, library and other court/legal staff in traditional and computer-assisted research procedures; check out books electronically, issue library cards; and instruct patrons in the use of copiers, microform reader-printers, computer applications, and printers. **Library Management** - Assess library supply and equipment needs, evaluate products and compatibility, assist in selecting supplies and equipment; compose or edit miscellaneous legal documents, path finders, legal, manuals, maps, and guides; and ensure computers, printers, photocopiers, and other library equipment are functioning. **Outreach & Training** - Instruct and participate in internal collaborative training; inform judiciary and library staff of notable acquisitions; perform outreach by presenting seminars to state and public libraries, attorneys, and other interested parties, on various legal research topics and resources; maintain awareness of current developments in statutory law, case law, library science; participate, and attend library science, computer applications, legal continuing education activities and library programs at state and national library conferences.

WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The following functions are representative of the work environment and physical demands an employee may expect to encounter in performing tasks assigned to this job.

Work is performed in an office or library setting. The employee is expected to be punctual and to adhere to assigned work schedule. The employee must regularly interact positively with co-workers and the public; work under severe time constraints and meet multiple demands from several people. The work performed frequently requires prolonged use of computers, repetitious hand, arm and finger motions as well as manual/finger dexterity. The employee must be able to walk, talk, hear, climb ladders, kneel, stoop; move, lift, pull and carry up to fifty pounds, and lift up to five (5) pounds overhead; reach above the head and forward with hands and arms; be on call, work overtime and flexible work hours including weekends and holidays and travel occasionally. The employee must be able to work wearing a safety (Chem-ox) mask.

The employee may be required to sit for long periods of time, stand for hours. The employee may be exposed to fluctuating building temperatures and unusual amounts of dust and book mold.