

KANSAS NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (KNEA) STAFF ATTORNEY

KNEA has an opening for a staff attorney to join the three-attorney legal services department based at its Topeka headquarters.

KNEA provides legal services to its local affiliates in school districts across Kansas, its member teachers, educational support personnel, student and retired teachers. The attorneys in the KNEA Legal Services Department represent hundreds of members each school year in a variety of employment-related matters, including contract negotiations and enforcement, licensure, KPERs disability and retirement, disciplinary issues such as suspension and dismissal, unemployment, and on legislative and policy matters that affect Kansas education.

Qualifications:

- Juris Doctorate Degree from ABA-accredited law school
- Active Kansas law license
- Litigation experience in state and/or federal courts, state administrative agencies (KDOL, Kansas State Board of Education), arbitration forums preferred
- Strong computer research, writing, analytical, and communication skills
- Knowledge and expertise in lab, administrative, or education law preferred
- Ability to amicably interact with KNEA staff, leaders, members, and the general public

Position Responsibilities:

- Commitment to KNEA's mission to provide and promote quality public schools, strengthen the teaching profession, and provide for the well-being of its members
- Represent KNEA, its affiliates, and members in Kansas courts, before state administrative agencies (KDOL and KSBOE), and in due process hearings
- Provide legal review, advice and counsel, and written opinions to staff and members regarding legal issues involving education/employment matters
- Develop and present trainings on matters affecting staff and teacher members regarding proceedings where an attorney is not required (collective bargaining, mediation, fact-finding, and grievance processing) and legislation that affects Kansas educators
- Some travel

Compensation and Benefits

- Salary: \$80,000+ based on credited experience
- Benefits: Employer-provided group health and dental insurance, life and long-term disability insurance; employer-paid retirement; vacation, sick, and holiday leaves; use of company car

Interested applicants should email cover letter, resume, writing sample, and two references to the attention of **Dorothy Emory, KNEA Legal Services, 715 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66612** or dorothy.emory@knea.org.

Application Deadline: Interviewing will begin August 15, 2018. Open until filled.