

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
CLASS SPECIFICATION

SPECIAL AGENT I

TITLE CODE: K8301

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

Under direction, conducts routine confidential investigative and auditing work in the detection, deterrence, and prevention of fraud, corruption, mismanagement, gross or aggravated misconduct, or misconduct that may be criminal in nature; investigates complaints or information concerning the possible existence of activities constituting a violation of the laws, rules or regulations, or mismanagement, abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to the public health and safety involving all persons, entities or agencies over which the Secretary of State has audit, supervisory or investigative authority.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Conducts routine confidential investigations concerning allegations of conflicts of interest, fraud, corruption, mismanagement, gross or aggravated misconduct, or conduct that may be criminal in nature or otherwise not in compliance with governing laws and regulations.
2. Gathers, compiles and analyzes relevant data and information for cases under investigation, participates in the preparation of case reports for disciplinary or prosecutorial action with direction from higher level agents or management staff and provides litigation support to criminal or administrative proceedings as assigned.
3. Conducts audits of financial and management systems to detect, investigate and deter fraud using legal and fraud examination theory and identifies corrective action; conducts performance audits to ascertain whether all departments and divisions are in compliance with their governing obligations, rules and regulation.
4. Obtains and/or prepares routine or assigned reports, statements, exhibits and other relevant information to be referred to superiors or appropriate authorities for further proceedings; maintains confidential records and files pertaining to investigations and audits; and exercises responsibility for ensuring security and confidentiality of such information.
5. May be required to give testimony in a court of law or before an administrative tribunal as provided by State and Federal statutes, rules or regulations.
6. Performs other related duties as required or assigned.

REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to the completion of four (4) years of college, preferably with course work in political science, public administration, business administration/management, finance, economics, accounting, legal studies or law enforcement/criminal justice; **and** one (1) year professional experience in law, law enforcement, business administration/management, accounting, finance or economics; or other investigative or related field.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Requires working knowledge of office methods and procedures.

Requires working knowledge of current investigatory techniques and concepts.

Requires working knowledge of basic legal and fraud examination theory.

Requires elementary knowledge of Illinois State statutes, rules, regulations and policies concerning conflicts of interest, fraud, corruption, mismanagement, gross or aggravated misconduct or conduct that may be criminal in nature.

Requires elementary knowledge of the functions and interrelationships of departments of the Office of the Secretary of State and State agencies.

Requires ability to maintain security and confidentiality during and after investigative activities.

Requires ability to exercise discretion and judgment in making important work decisions and to interpret and apply agency policy and procedures.

Requires ability and willingness to travel throughout the State of Illinois and possession of a valid Illinois driver's license.

Requires candidate have no criminal history.

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