

The General Counsel of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) is a fractional general counsel position serving as the principal and primary source of legal advice and counsel to the Primate of the OCA, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA, and the Officers of the OCA.

The OCA is a religious corporation incorporated in the State of New York with its headquarters in the Commonwealth of Virginia. As such, a qualified candidate for the position of General Counsel of the OCA will be an active member in good standing of a state bar and possess a working knowledge of the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith as expressed in and through the OCA.

The work of the General Counsel of the OCA touches many areas of law, including but not limited to, First Amendment law, employment law, immigration law, tax law, non-profit law, and civil litigation. While expertise in each of these fields is not required, a qualified candidate shall commit to providing competent representation to the OCA pursuant to the American Bar Association's Model Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.1. The GC is not expected to represent the OCA in civil litigation in the various states, but is expected to assist in the selection of and coordination with outside counsel for any such actions.

In addition to legal responsibilities, and consistent with the American Bar Association's Model Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 3.9, the General Counsel of the OCA shall assist the OCA in its Government Relations activities. The GC may further be expected to participate in legal associations affiliated with the OCA.

Compensation for the position of General Counsel of the OCA will be negotiated annually and will be competitive with similarly situated positions.

Applications should be submitted by email to [chancellor@oca.org](mailto:chancellor@oca.org) or sent in hard copy to the Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America:

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The deadline for applications is July 21, 2023.