

OMBUDSMAN FOR BERMUDA

Starting salary approximately \$179,572.88 per annum (PS47)

Are you looking for a challenge and willing and able to take on a high profile role at the centre of governance? The Governor of Bermuda is looking for a suitable candidate for the post of Ombudsman in succession to Ms Arlene Brock. This is an independent, statutory position funded by the Government of Bermuda.

The post was established in 2005. Under its first incumbent it has become established as an independent and respected authority within Bermuda and is also well-regarded among the wider ombudsman community internationally. The Ombudsman operates under the authority of the Bermuda Constitution (sections 93A and 93B) and the Ombudsman Act 2004 (both available at www.bermulalaws.bm). He/she will be committed to ensuring good governance and equity in treatment and its agencies of the members of the general public.

The Ombudsman's role is to provide all members of the public with access to an independent, impartial and objective review and complaints mechanism in respect of actions by the Government and its agencies.

The successful candidate will need:

- Good communication and inter-personal skills;
- Proven negotiation and mediation skills;
- A decisive and analytical mind;
- A working knowledge of the organisation and operation of the Bermuda Government and its agencies, though s/he does not need to have been a civil servant;
- To be a self-starter with dogged determination; and
- To be able to communicate convincingly with the wider public.

The appointment will be for between 5 and 8 years, subject to discussion on appointment.

A first level degree, at least, will be needed, plus several years of related experience. An administrative or legal background would be an advantage.

Under the Bermuda Constitution (section 93A) the following are precluded from being appointed to the office of Ombudsman. Anyone who in the last three years has been:

- A Senator or a member of, or a confirmed candidate for election to, the House of Assembly; or
- The holder of any office in a political party.

Those who are interested in this post and who believe they meet the basic requirements should apply, no later than 23rd October 2013 in writing, setting out why they would be appropriate as a candidate, with details of cv and relevant qualifications and experience, to:

The Office of Deputy Governor
Government House
11 Langton Hill
Pembroke HM13
Bermuda