

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER III: PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (DISTRICT V)

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD) seeks an experienced and zealous litigator to serve as an Assistant Public Defender in Prince George's County, Maryland. In its dedication to vertical representation, the Prince George's County OPD attorney who is initially assigned to a client continuously represents that client until the case is completed, whether in District or Circuit Court. OPD provides superior representation to indigent clients throughout the State of Maryland. The Agency's vision is for *Justice, Fairness, and Dignity for All*. Employees are committed to the core values of a culture of excellence, client-centered representation, tenacious advocacy, and are united as a team in achieving the Agency's mission.

OVERVIEW OF THE POSITION

An Assistant Public Defender combines his/her demonstrated dedication to the representation of indigent clients with his/her strong and zealous litigation skills to provide exceptional representation on behalf of all his/her clients. The attorney in this position is expected to work independently in managing an active mixed felony and misdemeanor caseload while simultaneously working in a team-oriented environment focused on a client-centered approach to representation. The position is located at 14735 Main Street, Suite 272B, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Zealous representation of clients at every stage of the criminal process.
- Ability to competently and resourcefully manage an active mixed felony and misdemeanor caseload.
- Engage in resourceful problem solving.
- Actively communicate with clients, team members, and resources for optimal client outcomes.
- Continuously seek professional development through trainings, continuing legal education, and trial skills courses.

TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated commitment to zealous and comprehensive public defense.
- Three years **minimum** felony jury trial experience as well as experience handling serious felony cases.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.
- Ability to work independently, and effectively manage an active caseload.
- Strong client advocacy and communication skills.
- Active membership in good standing in the Maryland Bar or Bar of another State.*

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this position please submit a: (1) current resume, (2) cover letter addressing the above qualifications, (3) list of references, (4) completed Applicant Essay (available on our website under "Careers"), and (5) a writing sample.

Cover letters should be addressed to: Johanna Cohen Leshner, Director of Recruitment 6 St. Paul Street, 14th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Please submit the above-listed materials electronically in **one email** to attorneyjobs@opd.state.md.us. In the subject line of the email please indicate "APDIII, District V." Incomplete applications will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: MAY 14, 2018

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to building a culturally diverse staff and strongly encourage people historically underrepresented in the practice of law to apply. Assistant Public Defenders are full-time employees who serve at the pleasure of the Public Defender. Criminal Procedure Art., Section 16-203(d). Assistant Public Defenders cannot engage in the private practice of law while in this position.

* If candidate is a member of the Bar of another State, the candidate must commit to becoming admitted to the Maryland Bar within 18 months of their start date.