

## **ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER I: DISTRICT IX (HARFORD COUNTY)**

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD) seeks a dynamic, dedicated, and client-centered litigator to serve as an Assistant Public Defender in Harford County, Maryland. 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. Assistant Public Defenders are expected to work independently in managing active caseloads while simultaneously working in team-oriented environments focused on a client-centered approach to representation. This position will be primarily located in Bel Air, Maryland. The successful candidate for this position will begin employment with OPD this spring.

### **PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Zealous representation of indigent clients charged with misdemeanor criminal and traffic matters.
- Ability to competently and resourcefully prepare for and manage an active District Court caseload; including, but not limited to the handling of bail review hearings, District Court trials, preliminary hearings, violation of probation hearings, and modification of sentence hearings.
- 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.
- Exposure to the proceedings and pace of the District Court (litigation experience or judicial clerkship helpful).
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.
- Ability to work independently and effectively manage an active caseload.
- Active membership in good standing in the Maryland Bar or Bar of another state by start date.\* Accordingly, most current 3L's are not eligible for this position.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for this position please submit a: (1) current resume, (2) cover letter, (3) law school transcript (official or unofficial); (4) list of references, and (5) completed Applicant Essay (available on our website under "Careers").

Please email items (1)-(5) in **one email** to attorneyjobs@opd.state.md.us. In the subject line of the email please indicate "APDI, Harford County." Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**CLOSING DATE: APRIL 27, 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.**

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\* Individuals who are members of the Bar of another State must be admitted to the Maryland Bar within 18 months of start date.