

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER: DISTRICT III (CECIL 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 Cecil County. OPD provides superior representation to indigent defendants 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 caseload while simultaneously working in a team-oriented environment focused on a client-centered approach to representation. This position will commence in late spring, 2017 and will be located in the Office of the Public Defender, Elkton District Court/Multi-Service Center in Elkton, Maryland (170 E. Main Street, Elkton, Maryland 21921).

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Comprehensive and zealous representation of indigent defendants at every stage of the criminal process.
- Ability to competently and resourcefully prepare for and manage an active caseload.
- 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.
- Criminal trial experience or exposure preferred.
- 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.*

HOW TO APPLY

If you wish to be considered for this position please submit a: (1) current resume, (2) cover letter, (3) law school transcript (required only if applicant is five or less years out of law school); (4) list of references, and (5) completed Applicant Essay (available on our website under "Careers").

All requested materials must be submitted electronically. Please email all materials in **one email** to attorneyjobs@opd.state.md.us. In the subject line of the email please indicate "APD, Cecil County." Incomplete applications will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: MARCH 20, 2017

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 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.

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