

**ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER III
FELONY DIVISION, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DISTRICT VI)**

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD) seeks an experienced, zealous, and dedicated litigator to serve as a circuit court attorney in Montgomery County, Maryland. 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 serious felony caseload while simultaneously working in a team-oriented environment focused on a client-centered approach to representation. The position is located in Rockville, Maryland.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Zealous representation of clients at every stage of the criminal process.
- Ability to competently and resourcefully manage an active felony 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.
- Felony jury trial experience required; minimum three years felony criminal trial experience preferred.
- Experience handling serious felony cases strongly preferred.
- 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) writing sample, and (5) completed Applicant Essay (available on our website under "Careers").

Items (1)-(5) outlined above must be submitted electronically. Please email items (1)-(5) in **one email** to attorneyjobs@opd.state.md.us. In the subject line of the email please indicate "APDIII, District VI." Incomplete applications will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: MARCH 29, 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.

* 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.