

**EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY  
YOUTHFUL DEFENDANT UNIT, BALTIMORE CITY (DISTRICT I)**

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD) seeks a zealous, and dedicated litigator to represent juvenile clients charged as adults in circuit court proceedings in Baltimore City, 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 Youthful Defendant Unit (YDU) represents juvenile clients charged with the most serious offenses during high stakes transfer hearings and then provides consistent representation through the completion of the trial. 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 is located in Baltimore City, Maryland.

**PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Zealous representation of juvenile clients at arraignment, transfer hearings, trials, sentencing hearings, and adjudications.
- Works as part of a team, including social workers, support staff, and experts.
- Ability to competently, independently, and resourcefully manage an active caseload.
- Actively communicate with clients, family members, supervisors, team members, and resources for optimal client outcomes.
- Continuously seek professional development through training and other continuing legal education and trial skills courses.

**TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- Demonstrated commitment to zealous, aggressive, and comprehensive juvenile public defense.
- Substantial litigation experience and strong litigation skills (3-5 years felony experience preferred).
- Specific experience representing juveniles strongly preferred.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.
- Ability to work independently, and effectively manage an active caseload.
- Strong client communication skills.
- Must have membership in good standing in the Maryland Bar or Bar of another State.\*

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for this position please submit the following items electronically: (1) resume, (2) cover letter addressing the above qualifications, (3) list of references, (4) completed Applicant Essay (available on our website under "Careers"), and (5) writing sample. Please email the listed items in **one email** to attorneyjobs@opd.state.md.us. In the subject line of the email please indicate "YDU, Baltimore City." Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**CLOSING DATE: MARCH 17, 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.**

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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.