

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER I: DISTRICT VIII (BALTIMORE 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 Baltimore 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 Towson, Maryland but will involve travel to all three District Court locations in Baltimore County for court. 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)-(6) in **one email** to attorneyjobs@opd.state.md.us. In the subject line of the email please indicate "APDI, Baltimore County." Incomplete applications will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: MARCH 26, 2018

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.