

**ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER  
JUVENILE DIVISION, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY (DISTRICT VII)**

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD) seeks a zealous and dedicated litigator to represent juveniles in delinquency matters in Anne Arundel 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. The attorney in this position is expected to work independently in managing an active juvenile caseload while simultaneously working in a team-oriented environment focused on a client-centered approach to representation. The position will commence in late February, 2018 and will be located in Annapolis, Maryland.

**PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Tenacious representation of juvenile clients at every stage of the delinquency process.
- 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 and comprehensive defense of juvenile clients.
- Criminal trial 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 by February, 2017.\*

**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, and (4) completed Applicant Essay (available on our website under "Careers").

Please email items (1)-(4) in **one email** to attorneyjobs@opd.state.md.us. In the subject line of the email please indicate "APD Juvenile Division District VII." Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**CLOSING DATE: DECEMBER 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.**

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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. OPD will also consider applicants for this position who recently passed the July Bar Examination. Should those applicants not successfully become members of the Bar at the time hiring decisions are made, they will no longer be considered qualified for this position.