

# 100 Attorneys

## Pro Bono Initiative

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### *Ensuring Fairness in Criminal Convictions & Sentences*

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender, Collateral Review Division, is seeking 100 attorneys to agree to represent at least 1 incarcerated person on post-conviction. Due to surges in the number of incarcerated persons in Maryland, there is a large backlog of post-conviction cases that desperately need attention. The post-conviction process is usually the last hope for relief for incarcerated defendants.

Typical claims addressed on post-conviction include: prosecutorial misconduct, ineffective assistance of counsel, constitutional violations, faulty forensics, and innocence.

As a *pro bono* attorney, you can select the county, type of criminal conviction, and/or guilty plea or trial case to review. You will be provided with the client's name, location, trial transcripts, docket entries, and appellate opinion. You will receive a link to access post-conviction law, issue identification checklists, and other resources. We ask that you read the transcripts and visit the client in person. You may also need to review the court file, police file, or trial file. OPD will provide investigator or social work services, if needed. OPD will also provide a post-conviction public defender to mentor you through the process. If viable post-conviction issues are identified, you would draft and file a post conviction petition and represent the client at a post-conviction hearing.

Please join us in this incredibly important work. In just the past year, this office has negotiated the release of six lifers, has reduced decades in sentences, and successfully overturned over 30 convictions. Our mission continues and we need your help.



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of paneling 200 cases*

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