

CHIEF ATTORNEY, JUVENILE DIVISION: DISTRICT ONE (BALTIMORE CITY)

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD) seeks a demonstrated leader and zealous litigator to serve as the Chief Attorney of the Juvenile Division for District One (Baltimore City). 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

The Chief Attorney in the Juvenile Division combines his/her demonstrated dedication to the representation of indigent clients with his/her strong leadership and litigation skills to ensure the highest standard of client representation in a team-oriented environment focused on a client-centered approach to representation. The Chief Attorney of the Juvenile Division is involved in the day-to-day operations and supervision of the supervising attorneys, attorneys, and core staff assigned to the Juvenile Division in Baltimore City. The Chief Attorney reports directly to the District Public Defender and the Deputy District Public Defender for Baltimore City. This position will be located at 300 N. Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervises and manages the supervising attorney, attorneys and other professional and core staff in the Juvenile Division.
- Collaborates with all members of the District One Leadership team to set priorities and maintain a high standard of representation by fostering mentorship, teamwork, and communication.
- Actively consults with attorneys on case preparation and trial strategy.
- Monitors the distribution of juvenile cases and attorney caseloads to ensure optimal client outcomes.
- Participates in working group of juvenile public defense advocates and actively encourages attorneys to do the same.
- Cultivates excellence and professional development amongst attorneys, including providing regular in-house training programs, and working with the Training Division and other Statewide Divisions to develop training programs.
- Ensure the representation of juvenile clients in conflict cases.
- Maintains an active caseload and participates in exemplary juvenile public defense litigation.

TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated commitment to zealous and comprehensive juvenile public defense, including extensive juvenile delinquency experience.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the principles of attorney supervision, training, professional development, and State personnel policies and procedures.
- Ability to supervise relationships, including possessing the cultural competency skills necessary to effectively supervise a diverse staff.
- Extensive criminal litigation experience and strong trial skills (5 years minimum).
- Active membership in good standing in the Maryland Bar or Bar of another State.*

HOW TO APPLY

If you wish to be considered for this position please submit a: (1) current curriculum vitae, (2) cover letter addressing the above qualifications, (3) list of references, (4) applicant essay (located on our website), and (5) completed state application available at <http://www.jobaps.com/MD/sup/bulpreview.asp?R1=17&R2=005354&R3=0002>. Items (1)-(4) must be submitted electronically. Please email all materials in **one email** to attorneyjobs@opd.state.md.us. In the subject line of the email please indicate "Chief Attorney, Juvenile Division, District I." Incomplete applications will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: JUNE 25, 2017

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Chief Attorneys are full-time employees who serve at the pleasure of the Public Defender. Criminal Procedure Art., Section 16-203(d). Chief Attorneys 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.