

NAME: _____ SSN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

This application MUST include the following:

- A. A current resume and cover letter.**
- B. An essay of 50-100 words explaining why you are interested in working for the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. This essay may be included as part of your cover letter.**
- C. Three written letters of reference (including name, address and phone number) sent directly to the attention of the Hiring Committee.**

1. What year were you admitted to practice law in the State of Maryland? _____
2. If not a member of the Maryland Bar, when do you expect to be sworn in? _____
3. Are you admitted to practice law in another state? _____ If so, state _____ year? _____
4. If presently practicing law, in what capacity? _____
5. Are you currently or have you been within the past 3 years, employed by the State of Maryland? If yes, which agency? _____
6. Have you ever been the subject of a complaint or a disciplinary proceeding or investigation concerning your conduct as an attorney or as a member of any other profession? _____
If you answer "yes" to this question, please provide details on a supplemental sheet.
7. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____ If you answer "yes" to this question, please provide details on a supplemental sheet.
8. The Maryland Public Defender's Office includes 12 geographic Districts. Please indicate, in the order of preference, your top 3-5 choices:

___ 1. Baltimore City	___ 6. Montgomery County
___ 2. Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties	___ 7. Anne Arundel County
___ 3. Queen Anne's, Talbot, Cecil, Caroline and Kent Counties	___ 8. Baltimore County
___ 4. Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties	___ 9. Harford County
___ 5. Prince George's County	___ 10. Carroll and Howard Counties
	___ 11. Frederick and Washington Counties
	___ 12. Allegany and Garrett Counties
- Areas of Practice within the Districts (please check preferences):**

___ 1. Circuit Court	___ 2. District Court	___ 3. Juvenile Court
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9. The Office of the Public Defender has 5 Statewide Divisions and other specialty units. If interested, please indicate your top 3-5 preferences:

___ 1. CINA (representing parents in Child in Need of Assistance proceedings)	___ 5. Aggravated Homicide
___ 2. Appellate Court	___ 6. Forensics
___ 3. Mental Health proceedings	___ 7. Innocence Project
___ 4. Collateral proceedings (Post Conviction, Habeas Corpus Parole Revocation, etc.)	___ 8. Neighborhood Defenders
	___ 9. Juvenile Protection Division
	___ 10. Legislative Affairs Division
10. Would you accept employment in **any** District or Division where a position may be available? _____
11. List Foreign language skills and indicate fluency for each language (conversational, fluent, read only):
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
12. Did you learn of a vacancy through an advertisement, list service or other source? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please indicate the source. _____

I hereby affirm that this application contains no willful misrepresentation or falsification and that the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that should investigation at any time disclose any misrepresentation or falsification, my application will be disapproved, my name removed from the eligible list, and that I will not be considered for employment with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender.

Date

Signature of Applicant

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

ATTORNEY APPLICANT INFORMATION

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender has statewide responsibility for representing indigents in criminal and juvenile proceedings, and actions for challenging involuntary commitment to mental health institutions. The Public Defender for Maryland directs the operation of twelve regional Public Defender Districts, five statewide divisions and other specialty units. Appointments to attorney positions are made by the Public Defender with the assistance of the Hiring Committee and District Public Defenders and Division Chiefs. All applications are processed through the central Public Defender's Office. Applications for attorney positions should be directed to the Hiring Committee. Applications are retained for a period of one year and qualified applicants may be referred for appropriate vacancies that occur during that period. To qualify for employment as an attorney in the Public Defender's Office, an applicant **must** be a member, in good standing, of the Maryland Bar or other State Bar. Assistant Public Defenders may not engage in the private practice of law. Relevant employment, academic background and prior litigation experience are factors considered in the hiring process.

To assist in consideration of your application, please submit a completed application form, current resume, cover letter and attachments to:

Diane Lach, Chair
Hiring Committee
Office of the Public Defender
6 Saint Paul Street, Suite 1400
Baltimore, MD 21202
Fax: (410) 333-8496

TO FURTHER ITS COMMITMENT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT, THE STATE OF MARYLAND REQUESTS APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE, VOLUNTARILY, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL WILL USE THIS INFORMATION FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

BIRTH DATE:	MALE <input type="checkbox"/>	FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	ARE YOU A US CITIZEN OR LEGAL ALIEN?
Month/Day/Year			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION-PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Select one or more of the following racial categories:

- American Indian or Alaska Native (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America, including Central America, and who maintains tribal affiliations or community attachment.)
- Asian (A person having origin in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.)
- Black or African American (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.)
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (A person having origins in the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)
- White (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.)