



MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

Position Available

Regional Manager: Northern Michigan

Counties covered: Alger, Antrim, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee, Missaukee, Ontonagon, Otsego, Presque Isle, Schoolcraft, and Wexford.

Summary

The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) is seeking a Regional Manager to facilitate the creation of superior systems for representation of indigent clients charged with crimes. Regional Managers provide direction and guidance to indigent defense delivery systems around the state on compliance with MIDC-enacted standards. They serve as the liaisons between local systems and the MIDC.

This challenging and rewarding opportunity will require the skills of a diplomat and knowledge of indigent defense systems and models. Regional Managers must have a thorough working knowledge of the MIDC Act and a wide variety of models of indigent defense delivered locally in Michigan and nationwide. Successful candidates will work with criminal justice stakeholders to design the most appropriate plans for meeting minimum standards for indigent defense in a particular county or system.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Meet with partners in the local indigent defense delivery system(s) in the designated region including but not limited to county commissioners, administrators, staff, and other local government representatives, and assist with the coordination of compliance plans for MIDC Standards and best practices;
- Identify and meet with many key members of the local criminal justice systems including court staff, judges, criminal defense attorney practitioners, prosecutors and jail staff, to collaborate on compliance with MIDC standards for best practices in indigent defense representation;
- Prepare and deliver presentations about the work of the MIDC to all system stakeholders;
- Offer practical and innovative solutions at the local level for indigent defense reform;
- Assist on other projects as assigned.

Education and Experience

Preferred candidates will have a juris doctor degree and experience representing indigent clients. A minimum of five years of progressively more responsible work experience working in court, public, or business administration, or representing indigent clients is desired. A bachelor's degree is required, and a master's degree in public or business administration or a juris doctor from an accredited law school may be substituted for two years of experience.

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations

Due to significant travel within the region, an individual with a valid driver's license and insured vehicle is required.

Salary:

The starting salary is \$65,000 to \$75,000, plus all applicable State of Michigan Employee Benefits.

Work Location:

The ideal candidate should be based in a Northern Michigan county as indicated in the position description.

Periodic travel to the MIDC Office in Lansing, Michigan is expected.

To apply please send your cover letter and resume in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format to careers@michiganidc.gov. If you are unable to send materials electronically they may be mailed to the MIDC, 200 N. Washington Square, 3rd Floor, Lansing, MI 48913.

For applicants not currently residing or working in the Northern Michigan region: please describe in your cover letter your connection to the area or other reason for interest in the region.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 24, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.

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