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Hello –

The only concern I have here is the years of experience requirement. For example, I have a deputy PD who has been practicing law for 11 months. She has had to do low severity and high severity cases. There is no way around that. But I do screen what types of cases those are. Delivery of methadone is a high severity offense which is not the same as GBH. She can definitely handle the drug case, but I would need to evaluate if she could handle a GBH. Honestly she could because she is a quick study and has done remarkable well in the 6 months she has been in my office.

Perhaps have someone that is in charge of each indigent system (Chief PD or appointed person) create a system of screening what types of cases the attorneys should have. Make this part of the reporting process as well. I don't think putting the number of trials done or years of experience is practical. We have all heard the saying "wise beyond your years."

Thanks,

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