

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER – ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Are you a recent law school graduate?

Do you want to develop trial skills and make a substantial difference in the lives of those you serve?

Would you like to work in a pleasant, collegial environment with like minded individuals who believe that high quality legal representation shouldn't be limited to those with substantial resources?

If yes, then I have good news for you!!

The St. Clair County Office of the Public Defender is seeking an attorney, including law school graduates who are currently studying for or have taken the bar exam. Our office provides indigent defense services for clients in St. Clair County. This is a criminal defense position, with some flexibility for remote work.

POSITION SUMMARY:

Under the direction of the Chief Public Defender, you will be trained to serve as an attorney for indigent clients throughout the courts in St. Clair County. An entry level Assistant Public Defender will primarily represent indigent and partially indigent defendants during arraignments, in misdemeanor cases, and will serve as co-counsel or second chair with a Senior Public Defender on high and low severity felony cases.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Providing legal representation to the clients assigned by the Office of the Public Defender as determined by the Chief Public Defender or his designate.
2. Promptly meeting with clients to establish a rapport, understand client's goals and expectations. Maintaining appropriate client contact throughout the entire process.
3. Analyzing charging instruments and discovery as furnished by the prosecutor.
4. Conducting or directing investigations to assist in the defense of the client and charge(s).
5. Retaining experts as necessary to assist in the defense of the client and charge(s).
6. Performing legal research using electronic and online tools.
7. Handling all aspects of the client's matter through negotiation, plea or trial.
8. Staying abreast of current developments in criminal law, procedure, evidence and other areas of the law necessary to be effective in advocacy.
9. Must be passionate about advocating for the needs and interests of the client.
10. Successful candidates will have significant autonomy in managing their caseload.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Must be a graduate from an accredited law school and a member in good standing of the Michigan Bar Association.

Experience: We seek entry level candidates with less than five (5) years experience. Successful candidates will be provided mentoring from experienced trial counsel.

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