



CUYAHOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
Chief Public Defender – Cullen Sweeney

ATTORNEY POSTING

September 28, 2021

Job Title: Assistant Public Defender
(Juvenile Division)

Department: Public Defender

Reports to: Juvenile Division Supervisor

Salary: Minimum \$62,200
(Commensurate with experience)

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Handle cases before the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court-Juvenile Division
- Represent indigent parents in abuse, neglect, and dependency cases.
- Represent indigent juveniles in delinquency proceedings.
- Respond to requests for legal assistance from individuals who contact the Public Defender's Office.
- Participate in community events and meetings related to the work of the Cuyahoga County Public Defender.
- Perform all other duties assigned, delegated or required of the assistant public defenders

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- Significant legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills and experience.
- A demonstrated capacity to work creatively and collaboratively on legal issues confronting our indigent clients
- Commitment to social justice and defending the rights of indigent individuals charged and convicted of crimes
- Demonstrated understanding of the issues of race and poverty as they relate to the criminal justice system
- Experience working in and with racially and socioeconomically marginalized communities
- Availability for court at all times court is open, and to meet and work outside the normal working hours if necessary

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required for employment.

MINIMUM EDUCATION:

Juris Doctor; licensed and in good standing to practice law in the State of Ohio (applicants awaiting bar results for the July 2021 bar exam may apply)





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APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

All applications must be submitted by Friday, October 29, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:

- A cover letter addressing your interest and/or experience and specifying your preferred division or divisions (felony, juvenile, or municipal)
- A resume
- Three references
- A writing sample that reflects your legal research and writing ability as well as your capacity for persuasive writing

These materials should be addressed to the Chief Public Defender Cullen Sweeney and sent to Mark Budzar by email or mail at:

Cuyahoga County Public Defender
Courthouse Square
c/o Mark Budzar
310 W. Lakeside - Suite 400
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
mbudzar@cuyahogacounty.us

Reasonable accommodation is available to all employees and applicants. If you have a disability that needs to be accommodated, please contact the Department of Human Resources/ADA Coordinator at (216) 443-7190.

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All job offers are made with the understanding that prospective employees pass a drug test and a criminal background investigation prior to being hired.

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