



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

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Job Title: Assistant Public Defender

Division: Municipal/Juvenile

Reports to: Division Supervisors

Salary: Commensurate with experience, starting at \$66,240

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Handle cases before the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and/or the Cleveland Municipal Court.
- Represent indigent defendants charged with crimes which may result in incarceration.
- Represent indigent parents in abuse, neglect, and dependency cases.
- Represent indigent juveniles in delinquency proceedings.
- Respond to requests for legal assistance from individuals with criminal issues who contact the Public Defender's Office.
- Participate in community events and meetings related to the work of the Cuyahoga County Public Defender.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- The applicant must be a licensed attorney in Ohio or have the ability to waive into the Ohio bar.
- The applicant should have significant legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills and experience.
- The applicant must demonstrate a capacity to work creatively and collaboratively on legal issues confronting our indigent clients.
- The applicant must have a demonstrated commitment to the representation of indigent individuals and an understanding of how systemic societal issues affect individuals and families.
- The applicant must have the ability to engage knowledgeably and compassionately with clients who are experiencing mental health concerns, substance abuse, and trauma.
- The applicant must be available for court at all times court is open, and be available to meet and work outside the normal working hours if necessary.



- The applicant must be able to perform all other duties assigned, delegated or required of the assistant public defenders as well as those prescribed by law.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

All applications must be submitted by Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:

- A cover letter addressing your interest and/or experience in indigent representation and the representation of individuals accused of criminal offenses
- A resume
- 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

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