



# CUYAHOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Chief Public Defender – Cullen Sweeney

---

## ATTORNEY POSTING

April 27, 2021

Job Title: Assistant Public Defender  
(Juvenile Division)

Department: Public Defender

Reports to: Juvenile Division Supervisor

Salary: Minimum \$61,000.00  
(Commensurate with experience)

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Represent indigent juveniles in delinquency proceedings in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.
- Represent indigent parents in the abuse, neglect, and dependency cases in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.
- Serve as co-counsel to juveniles who are bound-over to the Cuyahoga County Court of Commons Pleas-General Division.
- Assist attorneys in the appellate division who are litigating appeals arising out of juvenile court or juvenile-related issues.
- Respond to requests for legal assistance from individuals or organizations 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 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 should demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with clients who are children and adolescents.
- The applicant must have a demonstrated commitment to the representation of indigent individuals and an understanding of how systemic societal issues affect 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;
- 





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

---

**MINIMUM EDUCATION:**

*Juris Doctor*; licensed and in good standing to practice law in the State of Ohio

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

All applications must be submitted by **Friday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m.** and must include the following:

- A cover letter addressing your interest and/or experience in indigent representation and representation of children and families
- 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](mailto: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.

Equal Opportunity Employer – Smoke-free and Drug-free workplace.

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

<http://publicdefender.cuyahogacounty.us/>

