



# NEVADA STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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## UNCLASSIFIED JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **CHIEF TRIAL DEPUTY Nevada State Public Defender**

#### **RECRUITMENT OPEN TO:**

This is an open competitive recruitment, open to all qualified applicants. This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Nevada State Public Defender.

#### **AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Office of the State Public Defender was created by the Nevada Legislature in 1971. Most recently, in 2019, it was placed under the auspices of the newly minted Department of Indigent Defense Services (DIDS), whose mission is to assist primarily the rural Nevada counties in developing effective, equitable, and sustainable indigent defense systems that strengthen local communities and meet or exceed the state and federal constitutional guarantees that protect each of us. Currently, the Nevada State Public Defender's office serves Carson City and Storey counties.

#### **APPROXIMATE ANNUAL SALARY:**

Up to \$121,547 plus benefits \* (*Salary range reflects retirement (PERS) contributions by both the employee and employer. An employer paid contribution plan is also available with a reduced gross salary.*)

#### **BENEFITS:**

The State benefits package includes a retirement system, paid health, vision, dental, life and disability insurance; 11 paid holidays, and paid sick and annual leave. Other employee paid benefits such as deferred compensation plans are also available.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

This position reports to the Nevada State Public Defender (NSPD). The Chief Trial Deputy manages the trial division of the office under the supervision and direction of the State Public Defender. The attorney in this position oversees the trial schedule and trial deputies while also personally handling criminal cases for the State Public Defender and other rural counties as assigned. The Chief Trial Deputy additionally handles other court appearances, hearings, and criminal proceedings while occasionally assisting other divisions of the office.

#### **Leading Change: Provide Leadership & Vision for the Future**

This position will play a key role in helping the recently appointed State Public Defender lead the NSPD into a new era, reimagining and redefining the office and its impact on the field of indigent defense across rural Nevada. This will include the creation of a modern vision for the office and implementation of that vision. In partnership with the DIDS, NSPD leadership will improve access to effective representation and holistic defense services, including investigators, social workers, and mitigation specialists.



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## **TO QUALIFY:**

Applicants must be: 1) licensed to practice in Nevada and in good standing with the State Bar; or 2) able to qualify for a temporary license under Supreme Court Rule 49.1.

A background in litigation, trials, and criminal justice is required. Experience with direct criminal appeals and/or post-conviction relief is helpful. A background exhibiting the ability to effectively deal with people of varied backgrounds is necessary.

**POSITION LOCATION:** Carson City, Nevada. Some travel possible.

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED.** (Letters of interest and resumes will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Hiring may occur at any time during the recruitment process.)

## **TO APPLY:**

**Please submit a resume, letter of interest, writing sample, and three professional references to:**

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