



NEVADA STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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UNCLASSIFIED JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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Deputy Public Defender – Nevada State Public Defender

RECRUITMENT OPEN TO:

This is an open competitive recruitment, open to all qualified applicants. This is an unclassified position, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the 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 quality, 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 primarily serves Carson City and Storey County.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL SALARY:

Up to \$108,753.00 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 available.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position reports to the Chief Deputy Public Defender-Trials and/or Chief Deputy Public Defender-Appeals. The individual in this position will primarily represent adult clients who have been charged with crimes in Carson City or Storey County, Nevada. Representation begins at first appearance and will usually conclude with sentencing. The primary duties of this position are meeting with clients (in or out of custody); reviewing discovery and case records; discussing cases with investigators as needed; and zealously advocating for clients in court at trials, revocation proceedings, motion practice, evidentiary hearings, sentencing hearings, and in probation revocation matters. In some cases, representation could involve appellate and writ proceedings, but it is not anticipated that these will comprise a substantial portion of job duties. The attorney in this position must be familiar with criminal justice proceedings in Nevada.

TO QUALIFY:

Must be licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada and be in good standing with the Nevada State Bar or be eligible for admission under Nevada Supreme Court Rule 49.1. A background in litigation and criminal justice is required. Experience with direct criminal appeals and/or post-conviction relief is preferred but not required. A background exhibiting the ability to effectively deal with people with varied backgrounds is necessary.

POSITION LOCATION: 511 E. Robinson St., Ste. 1, Carson City, NV, 89701.

LETTERS OF INTEREST AND RESUMES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED

(All 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, SUBMIT LETTERS OF INTEREST/ RESUMES/WRITING SAMPLE/DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:

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