

**Attorney Career Opportunity**  
**Baltimore City Juvenile Defender Division Chief Attorney**

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender seeks a dynamic leader and experienced litigator to lead its Baltimore City Juvenile Defender Division in providing high quality advocacy on behalf of young people in the juvenile delinquency proceedings in Baltimore City. The Chief Attorney will participate in restructuring our Baltimore City Juvenile Division to incorporate innovative, team-based, strategic approaches to aggressive litigation and comprehensive advocacy in juvenile delinquency cases. Located in the heart of Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Juvenile Division's 50 attorneys, social workers, and support staff handle over 6,000 juvenile delinquency cases per year.

This management position, reporting directly to the District Public Defender for Baltimore City, is responsible for the effective operation of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender Baltimore City Juvenile Division. This includes oversight of four supervising attorneys, staff professional development and training, case reviews, performance evaluations and case assignments, as well as maintaining a partial caseload. The Chief Attorney represents the Juvenile Division to the Baltimore City Juvenile Court, the Department of Juvenile Services, and other juvenile justice, youth services and criminal justice organizations in advocating for the administrative needs of the Juvenile Division and the needs of our juvenile clients in Baltimore City. The Juvenile Division Chief Attorney participates in the management team of the Baltimore City District Public Defender, works with the agency's Training Division and the agency's other district offices to support effective representation in juvenile delinquency cases statewide through participation in developing relevant policies, practices and trainings.

The successful candidate will have:

- Substantial litigation experience
- Substantial juvenile delinquency litigation experience
- Strong litigation skills
- Demonstrated leadership abilities
- Demonstrated management & supervisory abilities
- Strong mentoring skills
- Demonstrated commitment to zealous, comprehensive juvenile defense
- Juris doctor degree from an accredited law school
- Active membership in good standing in the Maryland Bar or bar of another State. Must become admitted to the Maryland Bar within 18 months of start.

Assistant Public Defenders, including the Baltimore City Juvenile Division Chief Attorney, are full time State employees who serve at the pleasure of the Public Defender (Maryland Code, Criminal Procedure Article, Section 16-203(d)). Assistant Public Defenders *cannot* engage in the private practice of law while in this position.

This position is located at the Baltimore City Juvenile Court Division, Office of the Public Defender, located at 300 N. Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

**To apply**, please submit a cover letter addressing the above qualifications and salary requirements, current resume, writing sample, and three references:

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**Attention: Hiring Committee**

**Closing Date:            June 15, 2011**

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