

Attorney Career Opportunity
Baltimore City Juvenile Defender Division Supervising Attorney

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender seeks a strong leader and experienced litigator to serve as a supervising attorney in our Baltimore City Juvenile Defender Division to support the provision of high quality advocacy on behalf of young people in the juvenile delinquency proceedings in Baltimore City. Supervising Attorneys 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. We currently have four supervising attorney openings.

Juvenile Division Supervising Attorneys are responsible for supervising staff juvenile defense attorneys to ensure the provision of high quality representation in juvenile delinquency cases. This supervision includes responsibility for staff attorneys' case assignment, workload monitoring, case reviews, performance evaluation, and professional development and training. Supervising Attorneys are responsible to the Chief Attorney for the Juvenile Division. Supervising Attorneys maintain a partial caseload and share responsibility for ensuring effective operations of the Juvenile Division and management of Juvenile Division staff. Under the direction of the Chief Attorney, Supervising Attorneys represent 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. Supervising Attorneys work with other members of the Baltimore City District Public Defender management team, the agency's Training Division and with the agency's other district offices to support effective representation in juvenile delinquency cases statewide and participate 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 Supervising Attorneys in the Baltimore City Juvenile Division, 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 to:

APD III.5 Supervisor Vacancy – District 1- Juvenile Court Division
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Attention: Hiring Committee

Closing Date: June 15, 2011

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