

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR DISTRICT 8  
BALTIMORE COUNTY**

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender seeks a dynamic leader and experienced litigator to serve as District Public Defender for Baltimore County. The Baltimore County District Public Defender office is a busy, suburban-metropolitan public defender office with approximately 60 attorney and professional staff handling over 20,000 cases per year in its Circuit Court/Felony, District Court and Juvenile Divisions. This office defends a substantial number of the capital cases in the state.

This is a senior management position, reporting directly to the Maryland Public Defender and Deputy Public Defender, and responsible for the effective operation of the Baltimore County District Public Defender office including oversight of office management staff and attorney supervisors, staff professional development and training, case reviews, performance evaluations and case assignments. The District Public Defender represents the Baltimore County District Public Defender office to the Baltimore County judiciary, public safety departments, Department of Juvenile Services, prosecutors, and other criminal justice and youth advocacy organizations. The District Public Defender participates as a member of the Office of the Public Defender senior management team with other District Public Defenders, and Division Chiefs to ensure the highest quality representation and advocacy for public defender adult and juvenile clients statewide.

The successful candidate will have:

- Substantial litigation experience that includes capital defense experience
- Strong litigation skills that include capital litigation skills
- Substantial legal services or public defender management experience
- Demonstrated leadership abilities
- Demonstrated management & supervisory abilities
- Strong mentoring skills
- Demonstrated commitment to zealous, comprehensive public 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.

District Public Defenders are full-time State employees who serve at the pleasure of the Public Defender. (Maryland Code, Criminal Procedure Article, Section 16-203(d)). The District Public Defender *cannot* engage in the private practice of law. This position is located at the Baltimore County Office of the Public Defender, 500 Virginia Avenue, Towson, Maryland, 21204.

To apply, submit a cover letter by June 20 addressing the above qualifications and salary requirements, current resume, writing sample, and three letters of reference to:

District Public Defender Vacancy – District 8  
Office of the Public Defender  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
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**Attention: Hiring Committee**

**Closing Date:            June 20, 2011.**

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