

Chief Attorney – Baltimore City Juvenile Defender Division

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 juvenile delinquency proceedings. The Chief Attorney will participate in restructuring and leading 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 Juvenile Division's 50 attorneys, social workers, and support staff handle over 6,000 juvenile delinquency cases per year.

Chief Attorney Responsibilities:

- Reports directly to the District Public Defender for Baltimore City.
- Responsible for the effective operation of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender Baltimore City Juvenile Division.
- Represents the Juvenile Division to the Baltimore City Juvenile Court and criminal justice organizations in advocating for the administrative needs of the Juvenile Division and the needs of juvenile clients.
- Leadership of four (4) supervising attorneys, staff professional development and training, case reviews, performance evaluations and case assignments.
- Participates in the management team of the Baltimore City District Public Defender.
- Works with the 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.

Chief Attorney Qualifications:

- Demonstrated commitment to zealous, comprehensive juvenile defense.
- Substantial litigation experience.
- Substantial juvenile delinquency litigation experience (5-10 years preferred).
- Strong litigation skills.
- Demonstrated leadership abilities, including management & supervisory abilities (2-5 years preferred).
- Strong mentoring skills.
- 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.

This position is located at the Baltimore City Juvenile Court Division Office of the Public Defender, located at 300 N. Gay St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Assistant Public Defenders, including the Baltimore City Juvenile Division Chief Attorney are full time 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.

To apply, please complete an application at www.opd.state.md.us and submit a cover letter addressing the above qualifications with salary requirements, current resume, writing sample, and three references to dlach@opd.state.md.us. All application materials may also be submitted to:

**Chief, Juvenile Division Vacancy – District 1
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Attention: Hiring Committee**

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