

COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES
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Position Posting

Appellate Unit Staff Attorney
Children and Family Law Division

The Children and Family Law (CAFL) Division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the Massachusetts public defender agency, is seeking three staff attorneys for the CAFL Appellate Unit. The Appellate Unit will be located in Worcester. The CAFL Appellate Unit staff attorneys' primary responsibility will be representing parents and children in child welfare appellate proceedings. The staff attorneys will also advise CAFL trial staff attorneys on appellate matters and may advise private panel attorneys on matters in which neither the Appellate Unit nor CAFL trial staff attorneys represent another party. They may also participate in other projects related to CAFL appellate and trial practice. The staff attorneys may maintain a very small trial caseload.

Qualifications: Candidates must have the following minimum qualifications:

- (1) Demonstrated proficiency in legal research and writing; and
- (2) At least one of the following:
 - (a) Current certification for the CAFL appellate panel; or
 - (b) Primary authorship of two or more appellate briefs; or
 - (c) A recent appellate clerkship, substantial editing experience for a law journal, or publication of a law journal article.

Requirements: A staff attorney must be committed to serving a culturally diverse, low income population and must be eligible to practice law in Massachusetts, either as a member of the Massachusetts bar, as a law school graduate under Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:03, or as an attorney licensed in another jurisdiction who is covered by Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04. Priority will be given to attorneys who are currently certified to accept CAFL appellate assignments.

All staff attorney positions require travel. Access to reliable transportation throughout the state is necessary. Foreign language skills are desirable.

Salary: Salary is commensurate with experience.

Application Procedure: Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, and two legal writing samples to:

Krista Lohr
Legal Hiring Coordinator
Children and Family Law Division
Committee for Public Counsel Services
CAFLAppStaff@publiccounsel.net

Candidates must submit all application materials by email. The letter of interest should include a description of the candidate's appellate and writing experience. Applications must also include a disclosure of names of family members who are state employees, which can be found at: <http://www.mass.gov/ethics/form-for-state-job-applicants-disclosing-family-members-2011-12-20.html>. Applications should be submitted by **January 27, 2012**, but may be accepted until the positions are filled.

The Committee for Public Counsel Services is an equal opportunity employer.

The agency actively seeks to diversify its workforce.

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